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Keenan's Gang All Smiles On Election Night



STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN (right) and his wife, Jill, are all smiles at E.B.'s Restaurant on election night after learning of his big victory on election day. Campaign manager Robert Molta and his wife, Kathy Sheehan Molta were part of the big gathering who attended the post-election party. RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS, from left - Mary Romeo Ballard, Florida Tangocci, and Eleanor Geiger were part of the Fourth Annual Community Artists Art Show last weekend at the Agawam Public Library. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

State Hearing Nov. 19th...

Mayor Again Issues Support Of Utility

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After nearly two years of hearings before local and state agencies, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson remains convinced that the construction of the proposed \$180 million Berkshire Power gas-fired project will be in the best interest of the town.

Johnson said power plant opponents have brought forward no factual information to change his mind.

"The power plant opponents are trying to portray themselves as defending the community, but they are a special interest group looking out for their own best interest. They are advancing their own self-interest with a NIMBY (not in my back yard) agenda," Johnson said.

Johnson's comments came in the wake of last week's Town Council meeting when power plant opponents urged all elected and appointed town officials to "stand up for Agawam's zoning laws" at a public hearing called by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

On Tuesday, November 19th, the DPU will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., in the Middle School auditorium, to receive public comment on Berkshire Power's petition seeking an exemption from the zoning by-laws of Agawam. This paves the way for the utility to build a 252 megawatt gas-fired, electric generating plant on Moylan Lane.

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Community Artists Beam At 4th Annual Art Show At Library

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Agawam Community Artists held their fourth Art Show — a showcase for the talents of their members — on Friday and Saturday, November 8th and 9th, in the Community Room and Gallery of the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street, Agawam.

The show opened with a well-attended reception for members and their guests on Friday evening after the library closed. The public viewed the exhibit on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the artists on-hand to answer questions.

Artists Club President Florida Tangocci said this was the best show to date and she received many compliments on the event.

The gallery was set with several tables of homemade baked goods and beverages for the reception. Artists and their guests viewed each other's entries as they socialized and browsed through the exhibit.

More than 70 entries were hung by 22 artists using media that included oils, water colors, acrylics, pastels, pen and ink, pencil, and mixed medias. Varied and interesting subjects included portraits, sketches, still life, landscapes, flowers, and original designs.

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BERKSHIRE POWER - from Page 1...

Power plant opponents have asked that the public hearing be televised over the local cable access channel and have inferred that the Mayor "controls the dial." But, Johnson said the decision to televise public meetings lies with the Building Department superintendent (Anthony Albro) who coordinates the volunteer broadcast crew.

At presstime, Roger Kupek, Deputy Director of Building Maintenance, said the DPU public hearing is not scheduled for broadcast.

"Generally, the only meetings televised are municipal meetings like the Town Council and School Committee because of a lack of volunteers," Kupek said.

Last week, Berkshire Power Development announced it has sought state Department of Public Utilities relief from a lawsuit that was filed by

abutters to the project site in an attempt to delay the power plant project.

Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly said the company is not seeking to do away with the settlement agreement reached with the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) last spring after a judicial ruling overturned the ZBA's denial of a special permit in January.

Under the terms of the agreement, Berkshire Power agreed to provide payments totaling \$7.4 million to the town and to abide by the 44 conditions stipulated in the ZBA's majority decision in January.

Not A Neighborhood Decision

At the Wednesday, November 6th Town Council meeting, Kenneth Forni of Franklin Street Extension, president of the power plant opposition group CCBA, said, "This is not a neighborhood issue. You'd like to think that the Town Council and the ZBA would defend us no matter where you

live in town."

But Johnson said there is no outstanding legal issue as far as the town is concerned. Johnson pointed out that Berkshire Power has agreed to abide by the conditions of the Planning Board and the settlement reached with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Johnson said the town is a part of the legal action filed by the abutters, but not a party to the action (since the ZBA entered into a settlement agreement with Berkshire Power.)

"The Zoning Board of Appeals never filed an appeal (to the judicial ruling granting Berkshire Power a special permit) and Berkshire's petition to the DPU does not set aside the settlement agreement with the ZBA. Rather, it affirms the settlement agreement," Johnson said.

Johnson said the proposed power plant has gone through the local permitting process and there is no outstanding permitting issue as far as the town is concerned.

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Crafted artwork, skillfully executed by nine artisans, was set on a table in the Community Room. Judy Anderson showed animals in watercolor on small easel tiles, and Pat Bertone-Gross displayed baskets.

Colorful nutcrackers were shown by Gloria McLellan, who also decorated a table chest with Humpty Dumpty and a round box with a historic Williamsburg, Virginia scene. Her canvas floor cloth with rows of painted vegetables reminded those in attendance of Farmer McGregor's garden in the *Peter Rabbit* tale.

Ralph Merullo hung an oil painting of Turner Park, Longmeadow, and showed wood carvings of fish, "A Whale," and "Charlie the Tuna." A pomegranate collection of jewelry made by Beverly Secondo-Wands had earrings and pins of polymer clay and bracelets that wrapped around

the wrist, made of mixed media.

Mrs. Tangocci had two tulip scenes and a New England farm scene in watercolors, while Club Treasurer and Program Director Alexander Walters showed richly colored stained glass crosses.

Three watercolors of a Rockport window and a gay carousel were shown by Sandra Saitto (who has been admitted to the National Watercolor Society). Eleanor Geiger had five paintings in various media. One was titled "Lobsterman's Palette." It was contrasted in shades of dark and light, and was of an empty lobster trap leaned against a wall beneath a window.

J.J. McCarthy had five watercolors in the show, as did Phylis Bigda, while Linda Barnes showed several works in watercolor, pen and ink, and pencil. Also notable was Judy Anderson's birds, including a sharp-skinned hawk and an American kestrel in mixed media, with their bright plum-

mage gleaming against a deep blue background.

There were other artists and works, all eye-catching, like Kim Saffer's "Cosmos" and "Birches"; a huge painting of bears and dolls on a quilt by Niobe Diamond; and a monotype collage of mixed media and a paper collage entitled "Paper Moon" by Susan Mutti-Hayes.

The Art Show program listed artists, entries, and the price some artists would ask for their work. An attendant was present to provide information about purchasing and delivery if requested.

The Agawam Community Artists meet monthly on the first Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street. The business session is followed by a program, and anyone interested may attend.

The Art Show was partially funded and presented by the Agawam Cultural Council.

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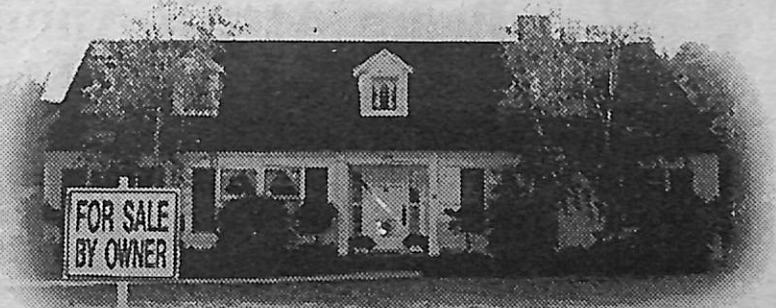
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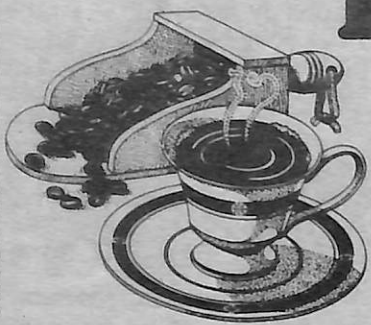
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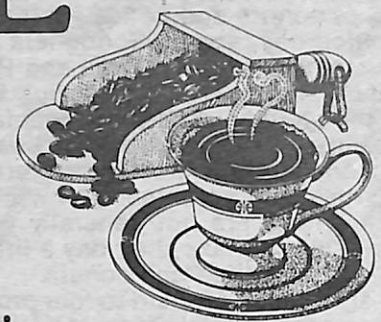
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Letters To The Editor

Kasparian Thanks All Who Helped His Election Campaign

To The Editor:

I'd like to extend my most sincere thanks to all those who helped me in my successful bid for Hampden County Commissioner. A special thanks to all of you who worked with me throughout the campaign, to all the poll workers who stood outside for hours holding signs, to those who always had kind words of encouragement and support, to all my friends and family, and to all those who voted for me. Each of you will be in my thoughts always as I enter public life.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Mr. John Salema and the staff of Dunkin' Donuts in Agawam for the kindness and generous contribution of donuts and coffee for the poll workers on election day, and to Springfield School Committee member Carmen Rosa and Paul Grunthal for helping me in their distribution throughout most of the county. Your help made my efforts to organize and distribute this libation to the poll workers a reality. Most people are unaware of the sacrifice that volunteer poll workers endure and their efforts are not generally noted. I hope we were able to make their day a little easier by this delivery of coffee and donuts.

I am looking forward to four productive years as a Hampden County Commissioner, and am accepting the office with the true hope that I can make a difference. County government, with its ability to cross municipal lines, can in fact be a powerful force in the lives of the people that we serve. I am hoping to bring that force to a just and proper focus on the issues now confronting our county.

After my swearing in on January 1, 1997, I will be writing regularly to keep you updated on the issues facing the county. Until my efforts to have the meetings of the County Commissioners televised through public access have come to fruition, I invite each of you to come to 50 State Street in Springfield where the meetings are held each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Once again, I extend my most heartfelt thanks to all.

Very truly yours,
Abe Kasparian

Hampden County Commissioner Elect

Agawam Will Give Up Rights If Power Plant Gets Its Way

To The Editor:

On November 19th, the Town of Agawam will be confronted with one of the direst situations in its history. We, as citizens, may be forced to give up our rights as a community so that a group of strangers can do whatever they want within our boundaries and in violation of our laws. Berkshire Power, that group of strangers from the East, will attempt to have the state override and waive our zoning laws. If Berkshire Power is successful, the citizens of Agawam will be forced to allow them to do things that we citizens and taxpayers of Agawam would never be allowed to do.

Because of the magnitude of what Ken Roberts and Berkshire Power are trying to do, and because of the ramifications, not only for us, but for every community in the state, it is imperative that as many people as possible turn out to protect our laws. Most importantly, every elected and appointed official in Agawam must turn out to speak in protest of what Ken Roberts is trying to do, especially Kent Roberts' good friends, Mayor Johnson and Council President Nancy Thompson. Chris and Nancy are, after all, two of Berkshire Power's major elected supporters and are two of the major reasons that we are in this dangerous situation.

I would hope that Mayor Johnson and Council President Thompson, our two highest elected officials, obey their oaths of office and defend our town's laws as strongly as they have defended Ken Roberts and his band of invaders. If either Johnson or Thompson fail to attend the hearing and speak in defense of our laws and home rule, then there will be no question as to where their loyalty as elected officials really lies.

This no longer is a question of the pros and cons of a power plant. It is now a question of whether or not we sit by and allow a group of strangers to abuse and abort our laws for their own financial gain. It is also a question of whether or not we allow a group of appointed state officials, sympathetic to power companies, set a new precedence and decide who we must allow to break our laws.

I urge the citizens of Agawam, no matter which side of the power plant issue they are on, to come out in protest. It is of major importance that we let the state know that strangers must obey the same laws that we, as law abiding citizens of Agawam, must obey.

Thank you,
Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

Distortions Being Made On Reasons For Charter Comm.

To The Editor:

The are the following remarks I made and had entered into the Town Council record at last Wednesday's council meeting.

I would like to comment on a few misleading and false remarks being said by opponents of an elected Charter Review Commission. But, first, I would like to thank the many supporters who gathered signatures this past week and especially the tens of hundreds of registered voters who signed the petition to place the Charter Review question on next year's ballot. On election day, we targeted three precincts with a certain goal in mind and are very pleased with the results.

It was very refreshing to see the number of people that approached us to sign the petition. And those we asked readily signed, with very, very few exceptions. It is becoming more and more evident that the citizens of Agawam want to continue with the charter review procedures and return to good government. The people of Agawam want a return to democratic principles that are presently missing in our charter. They also want protection against elected officials who represent special interest and outside interest rather than their constituents. In the next few weeks, we will continue to get the remaining signatures needed and proceed to the next step of the charter review process.

Now, to get back to the misleading and false remarks as stated by Mayor Johnson and supported by the co-sponsor of his council reduction petition. I would rather discuss this matter with the Mayor in a public forum, but as is his custom, the Mayor would rather discuss this important issue in the newspapers. So be it.

Misnomer No. 1: Johnson stated, "I hope the people see this petition for what it is. Those supporting the move for a charter commission favor the equivalent of a return to the manager form of government." Sorry, Chris, that's not true and you know it. **We have consistently stated that we want to keep the mayor form of government. All we are interested in doing is making our present government better.**

Misnomer No. 2: Johnson stated, "Supporters of a charter review commission were seeking to interject politics and political influence of the council into everyday workings of Town Hall." You fibbed again, Chris. You know that it has been you that has interfered with the council. **Your deliberate, and sometimes illegal acts, in conjunction with the council president and others, have been aimed at preventing the council from doing its job. The public record is very clear in proving this.**

Misnomer No. 3: Johnson stated, "To address specific things in the charter is one thing, but to change the form of government is another thing." There you go again, Chris. You certainly must be running out of falsehoods so you simply repeat old ones in a different way. **I defy you to show where anyone but yourself has stated or even thought about changing our form of government.** Are you so afraid, in the event that you somehow continue to be elected, you would have to become a democratic mayor rather than the type you have been?

Now, Chris, I have publicly stated that I fully support your right to have your petition. I even offered to sign it. **I would like to extend my hand in friendly competition and in the end let the people decide how they want to make our mayoral form of government better.** That is why I have not made any derogatory remarks about your motives or tried to second guess your reasoning. I have only asked that you allow all the supporters of charter review the same courtesy that they have given you.

It is unfortunate that you and your co-sponsor would try to prevent us from exercising our constitutional right to petition and would spread falsehoods the way that you have. No wonder you have lost so much credibility over the years. You continue to show that you simply cannot be trusted in word or deed.

In closing, Mr. Editor, I hope I haven't been too harsh in my remarks by being too truthful. I know I can sometimes be very blunt in my honesty.

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However, honesty comes at a price that I have always been willing to pay. One bit of honesty is the sincere thanks that I give Mayor Johnson, and Council President Thompson. I thank them for showing us what is wrong with our charter and for showing us the need to correct all that may be wrong with it.

Sincerely,
Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

Agawam Must Defend Integrity Of Zoning Laws

To The Editor:

The CCBA calls upon all of Agawam's elected and appointed officials to speak out and to defend the integrity of the Zoning Ordinances of our community. The Zoning Ordinance of Agawam was enacted "for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, morals, and welfare" of Agawam residents.

These ordinances are now under direct attack by an outside developer who, rather than following the normal proscribed process for zoning approvals and judicial review, has asked the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities to step in and to override our laws.

All residents should be outraged and those officials, especially Mayor Johnson, who have sworn to preserve and protect the laws of this community are duty bound to fight this blatant attack on the concept of home rule.

This is no longer a "power plant issue!" Whether town residents are for or against the proposed power plant, this action, on the part of a state agency, should disturb and anger them. This action calls into question the ability of any city or town in the Commonwealth to decide for itself what type of development to allow within its borders. If the state is allowed to interfere on behalf of this type of independent profit seeking developer, what would prevent a similar state action that would force our community to accept a "fast food" restaurant, such as McDonald's, in Feeding Hills Center; a large national discount chain, such as Walmart, next to Rt. 57; or a County Jail in your backyard? The issue has now gone beyond the pros and cons of the power plant. It is now an issue of Home Rule. The citizens of Agawam have a right to control development within our community and we should all fight against allowing any outside developer to subvert our laws.

The CCBA demands and expects that Mayor Johnson and all Agawam officials, elected or appointed, clearly and unequivocally state their position against this unprecedented attack. We expect all of our town's officials to honor their oath of office. This is a legal and moral requirement of all town officials.

For almost a year, the citizens of Agawam have spent their own time and funds to defend the laws of this community. Now is the time for our leaders to step forward. The Mayor and the Town Council should stand willing and ready to appropriate whatever resources are necessary to fight this attack on our community. Any Agawam official who is unwilling to defend our laws should resign his/her position!

The CCBA calls upon all Agawam residents to contact their public officials to urge them to

speak out. We ask the Mayor to assure that all residents will have access to this important discussion by televising the public hearing on November 19th on our community access channel. The time has come to unite together as citizens of Agawam to preserve, protect, and uphold the laws of the Town of Agawam.

If this outside developer hopes to profit from a deregulated environment, then it should not be allowed to run back to the protections offered by "Big Brother" in order to short circuit our laws.

Frank Lawlor
Agawam

Sorry, But Opposition Wants To Stop Berkshire Power

To The Editor:

To Berkshire Power, Kevin O'Reilly:

On November 7th, a news article entitled, "Berkshire Power Asks State For Zoning Exemption," appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News*. In this article, Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly stated, "It is clear the opposition only wants to slow down the project in the hope that extensive delay will cause us to cancel it," and the petition of Berkshire Power Development, Inc. to the Department of Public Utilities for an exemption to override Agawam's zoning laws contains the same message.

Once again, Berkshire Power, as has been proven in the past, is disingenuous in their statements to the citizens of Agawam as to the intent and goal of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA).

To set the record straight, the CCBA has never taken the position of only delaying Berkshire Power, but in fact, has only one goal; that goal is to prevent the construction of the power plant in Agawam. Period.

The simple truth of the matter is that Berkshire Power was denied in January of this year by the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals their application to build their power plant in Agawam. It has been their (Berkshire Power) decision to pursue this denial in the courts and in so doing, they, through their court appeals, have initiated counter-appeals from the Town of Agawam, the abutters, and the CCBA.

Now, after entering into three separate appeals currently pending in three courts, the Appeals, Superior Court and Land Court, they are asking the Department of Public Utilities for a precedent-setting exemption from Agawam's zoning laws. This is from the same people that say they "want to be good neighbors" and who repeatedly told us to follow the process. They (Berkshire Power) have demonstrated through word and deed that they can't be trusted.

Repeatedly they have presented their opinion through word and actions that this is a done deal and that we should just surrender, and give up our opposition to their power plant.

This is a history lesson to Berkshire Power. On December 22nd, 1944, the American forces in Bastogne contemptuously rejected the German demand that they surrender. The American General McAuliffe's reply to the demand consisted of a single word: "NUTS."

The citizens of Agawam and the CCBA say "NUTS to Berkshire Power."

Respectfully,
Karl Stieg
Agawam

Town Receives Praise For Response To Accident

To The Editor:

On Tuesday, November 5th, I was having some excavation done in my backyard in order to put in forms for a foundation. A concrete wall weighing approximately 2,500 pounds fell on top of one of the young fellows digging, covering him completely.

I knew something happened because the house shook. I opened the window and yelled to the other fellow asking if they needed 911. I called 911, and the response was wonderful.

I wish to thank the Agawam Police and Fire Departments, and also the town workers who responded for doing such a great job in saving this young man's life.

We're lucky in Agawam that we have such dedicated people respond to 911 calls.

Sincerely,
Norman J. Iacolo
Feeding Hills

Councilors Playing Games With Serious Allegations

To The Editor:

The recent statement in the newspaper was the origin of a game played in crazy dialogues. Four of the 11 town councilors are or have been playing disgusting games with their attempts to protect the Mayor.

Yes, you, these councilors, will be charged with aiding and abetting in what I believe has been a blatant violation of the public trust.

It was Councilor George Bitzas who made this statement on November 9th when he said he voted against the hiring of Judge Moriarty (who is asking \$200 per hour to represent the council). This is strange because the going rate for such an attorney is \$250 per hour.

And Bitzas said, "All these allegations are a political game and a waste of the taxpayers' money." What will Bitzas and his helpers, including Councilors Christopher Quatrone, President Nancy Thompson, and Councilor Jill Simpson do if all of these allegations are proven true concerning the spending of \$60,000 by the town administration for a consultant who is a "dear friend" and political ally of the Mayor's?

Bitzas charged that the public hearing about all of this should not have been delayed again "because one person is sick. We shouldn't halt town business," he said. This is strange because Valentine Moreno, the people's spokesman, have been fighting for the past nine or so months (since March 19th, 1996) on this issue.

And Councilors Bitzas, Quatrone, Thompson, and Simpson have stalled the hearing, even to the extent of improperly taking the hearing off the agenda since all of this began last March.

The law states that a people's petition shall be filed in the clerk's office and the council shall hold a hearing and act by taking a vote on the merits of every petition which is addressed to it and which is signed by at least 50 voters. And this hearing must be held within 90 days.

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Let's Play Game Number 1

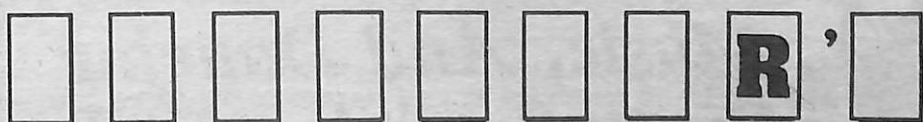
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LETTERS - from Page 6...

As I said before, why has Bitzas urged the council to get on with the hearing without me because I was sick and could not make the last council meeting? And he continues to say all of these charges are fabrications.

Why the flip-flop now that he, Bitzas, and his group, tried to push the hearing for November 6th (when I was sick). Bitzas said "we are becoming the laughing stock of the community."

It has also been repeatedly stated that there were four one-year contracts between the consultant and the town. No. This is not true. There have been years of contracts. And that side, including the Mayor, quotes over and over again that the state's Inspector General's Office found no violations over these contracts. This also is not quite true.

When did the council vote to appropriate all of those funds for this consultant? Each contract has been just under \$10,000 each of the last six years. Check all of the minutes of the meetings. Also check the line item budgets. The Bitzas crew keeps saying there were "no violations found."

But the question remains: When did the council ever vote to hire and pay a consultant some \$10,000 every year? I cannot find any place this happened. The truth will come out soon.

Sincerely,
Valentine R. Moreno,
Agawam

America Is A Republic, Not Socialistic Democracy

To The Editor:

The Declaration of Independence states, "Governments are instituted among Men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of those ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it."

In your October 4th *Agawam Advertiser*, Councilor Kent P. Servis says, "An elected charter review commission is an example of participatory democracy at its finest hour and is one of its purest forms."

Mr. Servis should understand that we are a Republic and should consider not just the majority as a socialistic democracy does.

Mr. Servis should learn more about our participatory REPUBLIC and our minority populist's history under our Constitution.

A Populist Observer
Charles Avezzie
Agawam

Resident Upset About Town's Abatement Process

To The Editor:

I recently purchased a new car and had to deal with the Town for an abatement of the excise taxes on my old vehicle. The Town owes me approximately \$112 in abatement and the bill on my new car was over \$300.

I went to Town Hall to file for the abatement and was told it would take six to eight weeks to process it. The Town of Agawam, on the other hand, demanded their money in only four weeks! When asked why the abatement could not be applied to the bill, I was told, "It's the computer system. We have one system for bills and another for abatements!"

It seems to me that we just purchased a new system for the Town. Was the purpose exclusively to send out bills faster, getting the Town its money sooner, and not speed up the abatement process? It seems that when it comes to the Town paying its residents on abatements, the Town government takes all the time it wants.

Maybe I should charge the Town INTEREST on the \$112! It would appear that when the Town went looking for the new system, it considered only one side of the equation - how can we expedite the taking and spending of the taxpayers' money?

A truly customer-oriented operation would have considered the taxpayers, the individuals who pay their salaries and their most important customers, when it came time to choose a computer system. It appears our Town government considers themselves to be more important than the taxpayers.

I think all homeowners would feel better if the Town would start treating us as customers, show us some respect, and not this type of inefficient service.

Up to this point, I had no position for or against the proposed power plant. However, since the Town seems inclined to ignore the taxpayers, I now feel that the power plant should FORGET the tax payment to the Town, and instead make an offer to ALL Agawam homeowners to sell power (to AGAWAM homeowners) at cost, 4.5 cents/kW (as noted in Berkshire Power's brochure).

This would be directly beneficial to all Agawam residents and put money in our pockets rather than the Town's pockets. I wonder what type of support the plant would get for that kind of offer!

Paul Lagasse, Jr.
Feeding Hills

CCBA Disavows Any Link To Flyer At Churches

To The Editor:

As most families were, ours was disgusted with the flyer Paul Trimboli put on our car at Agawam Congregational Church on November 3rd.

I and my family strongly object to its content, as well as its placement at our town's churches. I have expressed my anger and outrage in no uncertain terms to Trimboli!

What's also disturbing is that there were those in town who thought that this slander came from me or members of the CCBA.

The *Union News* stated on Friday, November 8th that neither myself nor the CCBA had anything to do with Trimboli's slanders, and that he has never been a member of the CCBA. I told Trimboli in a short and heated discussion that I have worked very hard in the last 1½ years to gain a reputation of honesty and integrity in our zoning issue struggle. He will not destroy my reputation or that of the CCBA with one malicious Sunday morning.

As president of the CCBA, I find myself at the forefront. I will not dodge or fade from controversy, but neither will I stand being accused of having anything to do with this slanderous act.

We will continue to address the Berkshire Power issue as a zoning issue, not a personal one. Paul Trimboli stands alone and must accept the consequences of his actions.

Sincerely,
Ken Forni, Agawam
CCBA President

AHS's Fall Sports Teams Deserve Congratulations

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all of the Agawam High School sports teams — the girls, the boys, and the coaches — for the 1996 autumn season.

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Regulation Of Adult Businesses Goes Back To Council Committee

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

An ordinance designed to regulate adult businesses has been sent back to the Ordinance Committee for further study by Town Solicitor Thomas Locke and for more information to be gathered from the Police and Planning Departments.

At its Wednesday, November 6th meeting, Town Council tabled the first reading of an ordinance to restrict adult businesses, including bookstores, video stores, theaters, and nightclubs, that feature entertainment or products which are characterized by the depiction or description of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.

In favor of sending the measure back to committee were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors Dennis Perry, Kent Servis, Jill Simpson, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, and Joseph Langone. Against were Councilors George Bitzas and Thomas Ennis.

First proposed two years ago, the ordinance was originally referred to the Ordinance Committee in February 1995 for review by the town's Law Department.

Although rumors have been circulating that someone wants to open an adult bookstore in town, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he is unaware of any definitive plan proposing an adult business here. Johnson said nothing has been filed with the town, but a Connecticut businessman has periodically asked the building inspector for information.

Citing the negative secondary effects of adult businesses on a community, including increased crime against women and children, increased police activities and health issues related to sexually transmitted diseases, Mrs. Simpson urged the council to accept the first reading of the ordinance as a way to get going toward putting a necessary piece of zoning legislation on the books.

Presently, Agawam has no zoning ordinance dealing with adult businesses.

"As long as an adult business was in a business zone, all they would need is an occupancy permit from the building inspector and they could open just like a dress shop," Mrs. Simpson said.

But several councilors said they wanted to send the measure back to committee to have their questions answered.

A Workshop Is Suggested...

Ms. Thompson suggested a workshop be held with the police chief and the director of planning so that the councilors could have their questions answered first-hand (rather than relying on a report from the committee.)

Ennis argued that enacting a zoning ordinance that spells out the conditions under which an adult business can operate in town would be "tantamount to saying we want this in our town."

Ennis said he believed a phone call from the administration or a town councilor directing the building inspector not to issue an occupancy permit is the best way to keep adult businesses from coming to Agawam.

Servis said he would like Locke to look at the ordinance to see what else can be done within the scope of the law to make the ordinance as restrictive as possible.

Suffriti said the council should make sure the ordinance is legally sound before taking any votes.

"If the intent is to prevent adult businesses, this is not strong enough," Suffriti said. "Nobody wants a porn shop, but I don't want to see the cure worse than the illness."

Bitzas argued that the council should accept the first reading and then fine-tune the ordinance after getting input from the police, the schools, and townspeople.

Johnson said it was important for the council and the Planning Board to take a look at exactly what they want to regulate and for the Law Department to review the ordinance in light of recent court cases dealing with free speech issues.

Johnson said the town cannot make arbitrary decisions based on whether or not "we like somebody or their business when issuing occupancy permits."

"That's not the way we conduct business in the town of Agawam," Johnson said. "The building inspector has to have reasons that are based on the law. We have to deal fairly with everyone."

The draft proposal under consideration would prohibit an adult business from locating within 1,000 feet of a school, public park or recreation area, public building with programs for minors, religious institutions, another adult business, or within 500 feet of a residence.

In addition to adhering to several performance standards preventing minors or the public from viewing advertisements or promotional materials depicting specified anatomical areas or specified sexual acts, adult businesses would be prohibited from operating between the hours of 1:00 and 10:00 a.m. and from using loudspeakers that would amplify sound to a level discernible by the public beyond the walls of the building.

Also, the entrances to the business would have to be clearly posted to indicate that minors are prohibited from the premises, and a special permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals would be required for the operation of an adult business.

The Veterans Corner

VA Compensations And Pensions

Q. What is the difference between disability compensation and a pension from the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA)?

A. Compensation is paid to a veteran with a disability that is related to military service. While the disability need not be a result of performance of duty, it must have occurred or have been aggravated during military service.

To qualify for a pension, a veteran must have wartime service and be permanently and totally disabled from a condition not related to military service, or have a combination of nonservice-connected and service-connected disabling conditions. A veteran's eligibility for a pension also is determined by income level and the number of his or her dependents.

Needy survivors of wartime veterans also may be eligible for pension benefits. Veterans and dependents with questions about eligibility for pension benefits should contact the VA regional office nearest them at 1-800-827-1000.

Q. What are the rates the VA pays to veterans with service-connected disabilities?

A. Monthly disability compensation rates for 1996 are as follows:

- * 10 percent - \$91.
- * 20 percent - \$174.
- * 30 percent - \$266.
- * 40 percent - \$380.
- * 50 percent - \$542.
- * 60 percent - \$683.
- * 70 percent - \$862.
- * 80 percent - \$999.
- * 90 percent - \$1,124.
- * 100 percent - \$1,870.

Eligible veterans who suffer from severe disabilities are paid amounts up to \$5,212 a month.

Q. Does the VA increase disability compensation rates annually?

A. The amounts of the benefits are set by Congress, which often approves annual cost-of-living increases for VA compensation payments.

Q. I receive compensation from the VA based upon a service-connected disability rated at 40 percent. Can I receive an additional amount if I have dependents?

A. Yes. Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents. The additional amount is determined by the number of dependents and the degree of disability.

Q. Can a service-connected disability rating be changed?

A. Yes. It may be increased or decreased in accordance with medical findings of changes in the affected condition. However, once a condition has been rated at or above a particular evaluation for 20 continuous years, the rating is protected by law and may not be changed unless the rating was established by fraud.

If you have any questions regarding the aforementioned information, contact Veterans' Agent Ruth C. Bitzas at the Agawam Town Hall (786-0400, ext. 236).

(Next week: Continuation of "VA Compensations and Pensions.")

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 21, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Country Homes Partners for a proposed Definitive Subdivision Plan

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entitled "Walter Estates." This proposed subdivision will consist of four lots to be located on approximately four acres of land on the westerly side of Main Street.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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Ag. Obituaries

Harold A. Wallin

Harold A. Wallin, 70, of Agawam, a retired construction worker for the former Ley Construction Co., died at Mercy Hospital.

Born in Springfield and a longtime resident, he was a World War II Army veteran.

He leaves three daughters, Alice Napolitan of West Springfield, Joan Wallin of Indian Orchard, and Maralyn Mullany of Ludlow; a brother, Walter A. of Springfield; four sisters, Alice Gustafson of Waltham, Helen Janson of Brockton, Elsie Kelleher and Thyra Roberts, both of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Byron's Funeral Home, Allen Street, Springfield, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Julia R. Crawford

Julia R. (Chriscola) Crawford, 85, of 1135 Suffolk St., Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a 40-year educator in the Agawam School system and was principal of the James Clark School from 1957 until her retirement in 1976. A lifelong resident of Agawam, she attended schools here and was a graduate of Westfield State Teachers College.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and held memberships in the Agawam Education Association, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association, the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam, St. John's Guild, and the Agawam Senior Citizen's Club Chapter II.

Her husband, John Crawford, died in 1989. She leaves two brothers, Frank J. and John of Agawam; two sisters, Catherine Maiolo and Amelia Moran, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Margaret Duncan

Margaret (Pottinger) Duncan, 71, formerly of Belden Court, Agawam, died in a local nursing home. Born in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, England, she moved to Canada in 1951, and settled in this area in 1957.

She leaves two daughters, Karen Kantor of Agawam, and Linda Plourd of Hampden, and six grandchildren. She was married formerly to Andrew Duncan.

He son, Andrew M., died earlier this year. The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale St., West Springfield, 01089.

Robert S. Wysocki

Robert S. Wysocki, 57, of Monroe Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He worked for 34 years at United Technology Diesel Systems in East Windsor, Connecticut.

He worked earlier at the former American Bosch Co. factory in Springfield, and Ace Lawnmower Repair Service in Northampton. He also was the former owner of Bob's Barber Shop in Springfield.

Born and schooled in Northampton, he was a graduate of the city's St. Michael's High School. He moved here 34 years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He served in the Army National Guard, and belonged to the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 901.

He leaves his wife, the former Janet Willard; two daughters, Lynn Sullivan of Marlboro, and Lisa A. Wysocki of Lee; his parents, Stanley A. and Josephine Wysocki of Pinellas Park, Florida and formerly of Northampton; a brother, David of Easthampton; a sister, Cynthia Hassell of Framingham, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

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Election Day Brings Out Many Supporters



OVER AT THE PHELPS SCHOOL polling area, State Rep. candidate Robert Magovern (second from left) and his son, Jim Magovern, were holding campaign signs with Daniel Keenan supporters Edward Borgatti, Jr., and Kathy Sheehan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STATE REP. DANIEL F. KEENAN (seated) is surrounded by campaign workers and friends after learning the election results last Tuesday night. Keenan and supporters gathered at E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension. Keenan won reelection to a second term representing the Third Hampden District in Boston. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For Monday, November 18th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
 2. Roll Call
 3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/6/96
 5. Declaration from Council President
 6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
 7. Report of Council Committees
 8. Elections
 9. Public Hearings
 10. Old Business
- (a)
1. PH-96-4-(PE-96-2)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration) (Coun. Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, Caba) (Continue Public Hearing).
 1. TO-96-31-Voucher List (\$7.10).

College Financial Aid Packets Are Available From Keenan's Office

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has announced that he has received a limited number of college financial aid packets from the Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority for anyone who was unable to attend the financial aid seminar held recently at the Agawam Junior High School for parents of college-bound students.

The seminar, which was sponsored by Rep. Keenan, was conducted by Scott D. Prince, Manager of MassPlan External Relations of MEFA. Over 80 parents attended the seminar which was designed to provide an overview of the financial aid process.

The packets are available at Rep. Keenan's district office at 549 Springfield Street in Agawam and may be obtained by calling the office at 786-4545 or stopping by during office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. They will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Families are reminded that the 1997 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) will not be available until late in November. The forms should be available from any high school guidance office or college financial aid office.

Anyone interested in receiving an application for a low cost college loan or more information can also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

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"A Piece Of The News..."

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Ameruso Next Dr. J.?

Move over, Dr. J. The number-one draft pick of the Agawam All(most) Stars didn't earn his title on the court, but **Dr. Frank Ameruso** will join his colleagues in courting disaster when the Harlem Rockets blast into town next week.

For the third year, the Agawam High School PTSO is hosting a night of basketball buffoonery guaranteed to delight all ages when the Harlem Rockets meet the Agawam All-Stars in the high school gym on Wednesday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

PTSO President **Joann McGeoghan** promises an evening of great entertainment for all ages, as representatives from each of the town's schools join the Mayor and the other good sports in the School Department as straight men for the court comedians.

In case his teammates have forgotten to mention the kind of tricks the Rockets — especially "**Rainbow**" **Muntaqim** — have in store for the All-Stars, a word of warning is in order for the new superintendent: if you get to the free throw line, hold onto your shorts!

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or in advance at the high school or the Mayor's office or by phone order at 786-1982.

Need More Credits At AHS

Before they can cross that bridge to the 21st century with a high school diploma in hand, Agawam High School freshmen will need to earn more credits than their older brothers and sisters.

The School Committee unanimously accepted the recommendation of School Superintendent **Dr. Frank Ameruso** to increase the graduation credit requirements for the high school from 105 to 110 credits for the class of 2000 and all subsequent classes.

Ameruso said the new requirements are in keeping with the increase in instructional time mandated under the Time and Learning provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993.

"The time is already in the schedule,"

Ameruso said. "With the students taking fewer study halls, that time will be given over to instructional time spent in academic courses."

Graduation Date Set

Graduation ceremonies for the AHS class of 1997 will be held at Springfield Symphony Hall on June 8, 1997 at 1:00 p.m.

No Jewelry In Gym Class

Jewelry in gym class is a thing of the past for all Agawam Public School students.

Acting on the recommendation of Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education, **Kathleen McSweeney**, the School Committee has unanimously adopted a policy prohibiting the wearing of jewelry in physical education classes for all grade levels effective this school year.

McSweeney said, "I had two reasons for making this recommendation. One was legal liability, but the foremost reason is the safety of the students. In the 90's, jewelry isn't what it used to be; we have eyebrows, lips, and noses that are pierced. Wearing jewelry is a potential safety hazard in physical education class."

McSweeney said students will not be allowed to participate in gym class if they are wearing jewelry, just as they are not allowed to participate without appropriate gym clothes and footwear.

In order to meet their high school graduation requirements in physical education, students are given the opportunity to make up a missed class without penalty after school, McSweeney said.

Students can ask their physical education teacher to lock the jewelry in their desks for safe keeping, or students in grades five through 12 can keep their jewelry in their lockers, McSweeney said.

School Committee member **Susan Pettazzoni** said students should take responsibility for their actions and leave their jewelry at home on the days they have gym.

"The students are well aware of when they have physical education class," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Six Steps For Survival

Most fatal home fires happen at night while you and your family are sleeping. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to know these six steps for survival:

- Install and maintain smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially outside the sleeping areas.
- Develop a home fire escape plan.
- Practice the plan with your family.
- If possible, sleep with your bedroom door closed. It can help keep out smoke and gases while you escape.

- If you're awakened by your smoke detector, roll out of bed and crawl to your bedroom door. Using the back of your hand, feel the door high and low. If it's hot, do not open the door. Use your secondary exit.
- Once you're outside, go to your meeting place and have someone go to a neighbor's to call the fire department.

The Agawam Fire Department has more information on home fire survival. Contact them at 786-2662.

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Johnson Calls Insurance Allegations Baseless & Part Of Smear Campaign

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The deadline for taking action on the issue expired nearly six months ago. Most town councilors say they want to deal with the matter and get it over with once and for all.

But, the council once again opted to continue the on-again, off-again public hearing to determine if a misuse of public funds has been allowed by the Town Council and the administration.

At the Wednesday, November 6th Town Council meeting, the vote was 7-2 in favor of continuing the public hearing to their November 18th meeting after the council was told that former Town Councilor Valentine Moreno, the spokesman for the 59 voters petitioning for the hearing, was too ill to attend the hearing.

Moreno has been an outspoken critic of the town's 1991-1994 insurance consulting contracts with Campbell Management Company of Feeding Hills and has frequently addressed the council on the matter during Citizen's Speak Time.

At Moreno's instigation, the contracts were investigated by the office of the state Inspector General and no violations of the pertinent statutes were found, according to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

Johnson said the public hearing was just an attempt to smear him and his administration as part of a political agenda.

"...Baseless Allegations"

"Mr. Moreno has been making baseless allegations against any and all officials serving the town for more than 60 years," Johnson said.

"If there's such a big mystery here, why haven't the majority of the councilors had the integrity to call and tell me what the allegations are? They don't even know who or why or what they want to investigate."

In favor of continuing the public hearing at Wednesday night's meeting were Council Vice President Jill Simpson and Councilors Dennis Perry, Kent Servis, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Edward Caba, and Thomas Ennis. Against were Councilors George Bitzas and Joseph Langone. Councilor Chris Quatrone was absent.

Council President Nancy Thompson abstained from the vote and noted that she was acting on the advice of the Town Solicitor, Thomas Locke, in absenting herself from the proceedings. Ms. Thompson said conducting a criminal investigation is not within the council's purview.

Langone argued that the public hearing should be null and void because the 90-day time limit for council action as provided in the town charter had long since expired.

But Perry argued for tabling the hearing while the council obtained an opinion from Locke, adding that the issue should have come up when the 90-day deadline was exceeded (rather than being six months later).

Furthermore, Perry urged the council to table the hearing since Moreno was too ill to attend the November 6th meeting.

"We're all aware that he is the spearhead, the lead speaker of the petitioners. And in all respect to the man, we should let him speak to us," Perry said.

Bitzas said it would be ridiculous to table the hearing when 50 people had petitioned for the hearing and none were present for the hearing.

Charging that some councilors were playing into Moreno's hand and making the council a laughing stock, Bitzas argued against tabling the hearing.

"You must be blind in your eyes, your ears, and your heart if you can't see what's going on here. Mr. Moreno should go to the District Attorney and

file a complaint about us rather than having us do his dirty work for him," Bitzas said.

Caba blasted the council as the cause of making the situation ridiculous.

"...Not The Petitioners' Fault"

"It's not the petitioners' fault. It's ours," Caba said. "We haven't had the guts to deal with this somewhere along the line and we screwed up."

Caba said the council owed Moreno the chance to speak at the public hearing when he was well enough.

The petition for a public hearing first came to the council in March and was removed from the council's agenda by Ms. Thompson on Locke's advice. The petition for a public hearing returned to the council's agenda under the sponsorship of Councilors Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, and

Caba.

Since then, the hearing has been postponed (or stalled, as critics charge) while the council wrestled with the mechanics of hiring an attorney to act as their representative at the hearing.

When the hearing was first convened in August, four speakers came forward in the portion of the public hearing set aside as the time for proponents of an issue to be heard, yet none spoke on the issue of the misuse of public funds.

Moreno, along with former Town Councilors Paul Trimboli and Louis Russo, and Hampden County Commissioner-elect Abe Kasparian, spoke in favor of the hiring of an independent attorney for the council.

Before the hearing was tabled, Moreno said he did not have his lawyer's permission to speak to the council.

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Obituaries - from Page 9...

Dominic Candido

Dominic Candido, 81, of Doane Avenue, Agawam, a 30-year Bosch Machine Tool Co. of Springfield employee, died at Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in the Province of Reggio, Calabria, Italy, he was a graduate of Technical High School, Springfield, attended Northeastern University, and lived in Agawam for 38 years.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Adeline (Cirillo) Candido; a son, Dominic, and a daughter, Nancy Kozak, both of Agawam; a sister, Adeline Candido of Springfield; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Children and Families, 2112 Riverdale Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Plenty Of Praise Given To Town's Response Over Collapsed Wall

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Several tons of concrete lay between an injured construction worker and his rescuers when Police and Fire Department emergency personnel arrived on the scene of the collapse of a concrete retaining wall last week.

Within 20 minutes of the 911 call, 21 year-old Joseph Novak of West Warren was in the Fire Department ambulance and on his way to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield where he was admitted in fair condition. Novak was released from the hospital two days later.

Police Chief Robert D. Campbell said the rescue effort was "a showpiece of the cooperation that can be generated between the various town departments in time of emergency and crisis."

Campbell said when the cruisers arrived they found Novak trapped under a concrete block wall and the officers immediately called the Department of Public Works to request a payload truck to assist in the delicate task of removing the wall pinning Novak to the ground.

In a letter of commendation sent to DPW Superintendent John Stone, Campbell praised the DPW workers for answering the alarm without hesitation or question and commended them for a job well done.

Campbell said, "The loader operator in particular, Steve Bonesteel, displayed great calm and skill in lifting the wall. It presented a particular challenge since it was a concrete block and there was a risk of it breaking apart and falling on the trapped man underneath it."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson commended the town emergency crew for working as quickly as they did in freeing the trapped construction worker.

"It was a tremendous team effort on the part of the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the DPW," Johnson said, adding, "I'm just happy the gentleman wasn't seriously hurt and has been discharged from the hospital."

An employee of D&W Construction of West Warren, Novak was working on an addition to the house owned by Norman Iacolo on North Westfield Street at the time of the accident.

Melconian Announces That Agawam Will Receive \$5,000 Grant

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that Agawam will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety for use in their Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) program.

"This grant money will enable Agawam to continue effective programs to ensure the safety of its children," Melconian said. "Fire safety is extremely important in preparing people to deal with fire's destructive and potent potential."

The S.A.F.E. program is a grant program that provides funds to community fire departments for student education on the dangers of fire and the ways to protect against it. The grant awards are allocated by the S.A.F.E. Advisory Boards and are determined on both a competitive basis, and a desire to expand the program to more and more communities in the Commonwealth.

"The S.A.F.E. grants are wonderful ways to bring the fire department and our children together to talk about safety. You can never be too careful when dealing with something that is so easy to start, but very difficult to stop," Melconian said.

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Town Democrats Elated Over Election



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE are all smiles these days, especially in light of the election results where Democrats scored big both locally and in Massachusetts. **TOP PHOTO**, from left - Scott Letendre, Barbara Dunn, Teresa Kozloski, Kent Servis, and State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan. **PHOTO BELOW** - town committee officers - Louis Russo, secretary; Attorney Gina Marie Letellier, treasurer; Abe Kasparian, Affirmative Action & Outreach Committee; Catherine Willis, chairwoman; Rudy Altobelli, vice-chairman; and Meanette Vermes, at-large member. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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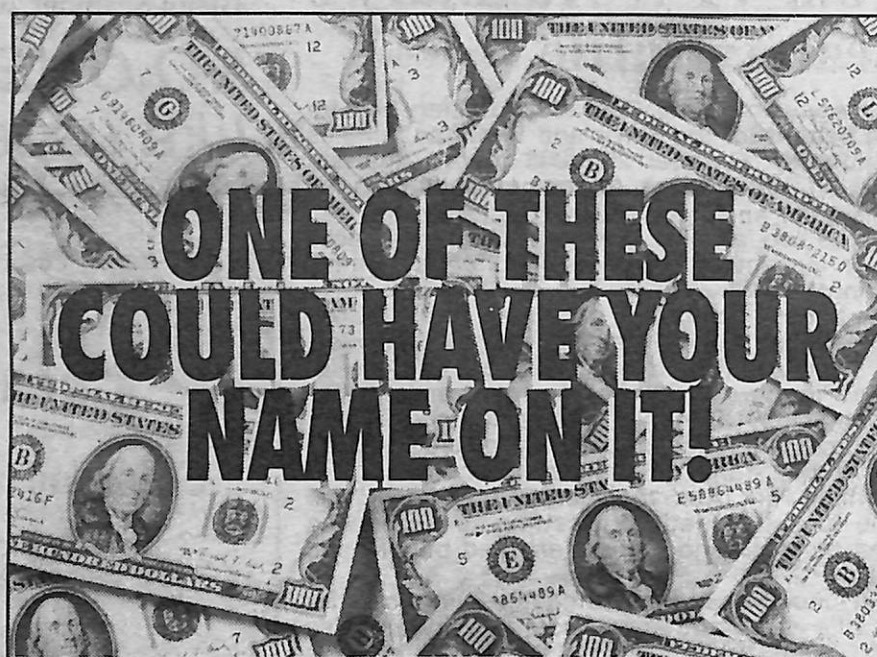


RESIDENTS OF HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (South Building) were thrilled with their mascot, Cocoa, who was dressed for Halloween on Thursday, October 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STAFF MEMBERS OF HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (South Building) enjoyed a Halloween party with residents on Thursday, October 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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VFW Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser For Families



JUDY BRODEN and LISA ROY helped prepare the benefit meal at the Agawam VFW on Saturday, October 26th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM VFW WOMEN'S AUXILIARY MEMBERS Pauline Attanasio, Andree Luginbuhl, and Linda Sousa participated in the 50/50 Benefit on October 26th to help two local families. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Dot Pioggia receives help in the kitchen from VFW member Glenn Seymour. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Two Families Benefit From VFW Auxiliary's Meal & Raffle

The Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632 Auxiliary held its 50/50 Benefit for the Baron and Twarkins families on Saturday, October 26, 1996 at the Agawam V.F.W. on South Street. All the proceeds from the meal tickets and the raffles were divided between the two families. Presentation of the checks was on November 7th at the Auxiliary's monthly meeting.

The benefit committee consisted of the following: Lisa Roy, Aux. President and Linda Sousa, Aux. Treasurer (Chairmen/Organizers of Benefit); Dottie Pioggia, kitchen/meal organizer with her kitchen help, Dominic Attanasio and Glenn Seymour; Patti Attanasio, ran raffle sales at door, Judy Broden, ran meal tickets at benefit.

Christie Kirk (Aux. member), Michael Kirk, and Angie Roy, all helped in the setting up and serving at the benefit. Linda Sousa emceed benefit and raffles.

The committee canvassing for donations for the raffle was made up of Andrea Luginbuhl, Lisa Roy, Linda Sousa, and Glenn Seymour, and the Agawam V.F.W. Post 1632 (Norman McMahon, Commander).

The Auxiliary wishes to thank everyone involved in this function from the originators and canvassers, to the bartenders. Thank you.

The benefit was a great success and we would like to again extend a SPECIAL THANKS to the COMMUNITY for their most generous donations for the raffles.

A most special thank you to all of the residents and non-residents that participated in this function. For without your help, there would not have been a benefit.

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Stearns & Yerrall agents, employees, as well as the general public are invited to register for an Angel or Candle at any Stearns & Yerrall location. Once registered, registrants will receive an angel or candle with the name, age, and gender of a child to purchase a holiday gift.

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For further details, please contact Sherrie Habrat at 413-746-0075.

Heritage Hall Announces Annual Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Centers, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall and the community. In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held. Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 786-8000.

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KEVIN J. GAFFNEY, JR.

Kevin Gaffney, Jr. Graduates From Basic Coast Guard Training

Kevin J. Gaffney, Jr., son of Diane and Kevin Gaffney of Feeding Hills, graduated from U.S. Coast Guard basic training at Cape May, New Jersey, on October 4, 1996. At graduation, he was presented with a prestigious leadership award.

Kevin will start his tour of duty as a seaman apprentice at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He will then go on to study aviation mechanics at a school in North Carolina.

Kevin is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School.



MATTHEW DISCO

Matthew Disco Graduates From Basic Coast Guard Training

Matthew Disco, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Disco of Feeding Hills, graduated from U.S. Coast Guard basic training at Cape May, New Jersey, on October 4, 1996.

Matthew will start his tour of duty as a seaman's apprentice at Shark River, New Jersey. He will then go on to study to become a gunner's mate.

Matthew is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School.

"Crafts For Giving" Workshops Being Held At Historic Storowton Village Meeting House

Create a gift from the heart and hands with a touch of the past. Storowton Village Museum will offer its popular series of craft workshops, "Crafts for Giving," in the historic Meeting House, Tuesday through Thursday, November 19th-21st from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Register for one or all of these unique workshops and be guided, step-by-step, through a

particular 19th-century-style craft project to take home and recreate as a special gift for friends and family.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Deadline for registration is November 15th.

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COUNCIL ON AGING MEMBER Rev. Dr. Donald B. Morris.

Meet The COA...

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Morris

Rev. Dr. Morris, a town resident for over 20 years, has served the community as pastor of the Agawam Baptist Church for that period of time. He retired in 1993 and now serves part-time in Enfield, CT.

His great interest in the welfare of Agawam's senior citizens led him to seek appointment to the Agawam Council on Aging.

Morris was a member of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Division of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield for 20 years, and represented the council on the Interfaith Council of Western Massachusetts and on the Roman Catholic diocese of Springfield's Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission.

He is presently a member of the Enfield Conference of Christian Churches, an active Rotarian, and Chairperson of the COA Nominating Committee.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 18th: Hamburger with gravy, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, oat bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, November 19th: Chicken leg, wild rice, turnip, rye bread, peaches.

Wednesday, November 20th: Stuffed pepper, mashed potato, corn, wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, November 21st: BBQ ribs, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, peaches.

Friday, November 22nd: Roasted turkey, stuffing/gravy, mashed potato, butternut squash, Peter's rolls, pumpkin pie.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Events & Activities At Springfield Turnverein

On Sunday, November 17th, at 2:30 p.m., the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will present an interesting illustrated talk by William Wigham. His subject will be on the Hessians.

Who were these terrible "Hessians" in the American War for Independence? Some say they were horrid mercenaries who looted and burned, but could not fight. If they were so bad, then why did the townspeople of West Springfield welcome the whole army of General von Riedesel with such hospitality on the stormy evening of October 29, 1777?

What effect did they have on the history of America's first years as a nation? To answer these and other questions, please come down on Sunday, November 17th.

The gymnastics classes are progressing well. There are still some openings for new members. If there are any young people between the ages of six and 18 that would like to get involved in a gymnastics program, please consider attending our classes.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday afternoons beginning at 4:00 o'clock. Brad Prouty, Second Vice-President and chairman of gym activities, welcomes parents and children to explore the opportunities available at our Club. With the high school gymnastics program ending soon, many of our girls will be available to work with the younger children. Members competing at the high school have done very well and will be an asset to our program.

If you would like more information, please call the Springfield Turnverein at 786-0924 after 4:00 o'clock, or stop in and check out the facilities.

A CPR course is being offered on Sunday, November 23rd, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. To obtain more information, please call the Springfield Turnverein at 786-0924.

The Cusson Family Announces Birth Of Son, Zachary Paul

Mark Scott & Lori-Jean Cusson of 877 Mapleton Ave., Suffield, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Paul.

Zachary was born October 22, 1996 at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

Maternal grandparents are Henry & Judy Paul of Springfield, Mass. Paternal grandparents are Harvey & Phyllis Cusson of Feeding Hills.

West Side Grange Slates Sweater Sale

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold its Annual Sweater Sale on Saturday, November 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the West Springfield Grange Hall (corner of Garden and Lathrop Streets).

The sweaters are from "Frederick's" and are for all the family. There will also be homebaked goods and fresh cranberries for sale.



SHELLEY GRASSETTI & JOSEPH ALBANO

Shelley Grassetti To Wed Joseph Albano

Shelley Grassetti, daughter of Michael Grassetti, Sr. and Nancy Jawitz of Agawam, is engaged to wed Joseph Albano, son of the late Ignazio (Al) Albano and Assuntina Albano of Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School. She is currently attending the Elms College Nursing Program.

The future bridegroom is also a graduate of Agawam High School. He is currently employed by UPS.

The couple is planning a September 1997 wedding.

AHS Class Of 1976 Still Seeking Many 'Lost' Classmates

Agawam High School's Class of 1976 will be hosting its 20th Reunion on Friday, November 29th at Tekoa Country Club, 459 Russell Road, Westfield.

The evening's entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hot hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and dancing.

The following members of the class have not been located:

Greg Dematos, Gary Campurciani, Linda Kidwell, Steve McCormack, Scott Morrison, Karen Edwards, Jana Thies, Bruce Gregalis, Laurie Dahdah Carestia, Cheryl St. Germain.

Steve Morrisett, James Bowden, Dan Kozikowski, Tina Couchard Turner, Cindy Duval Barrett, Sandy Grzebiel, Peggy Sands, Mary Leballa, Celeste Galucci Bowher, Brenda Gooch, Janine Jackson, Daniel Godbourn, Suzanne Dudley, Donna Dillon, Daniel Taupier.

Also, Cheryl Price, Christine Chapman, Brian O'Connell, Kevin Cook, Victoria Starzck Hope, Sandy Cooper Martinez, Joanne Fergie, Barbara Dimino Meyers, Richard Turner, Mark Baillargeon, Charlene Whitney, and Sally Bailleul.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of the members listed above, or if you are a member of the Class of 1976 and have not received an invitation, please contact Jon Lund at 786-6028 or Linda Viens Comee at 789-2075.

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Church News

Chicken Supper At Valley Community Church



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH in Feeding Hills held its monthly chicken supper recently. IN PHOTO LEFT, Roy & Bernie Olson are about to sit and enjoy their meal after going through the serving line. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Marion Binnenkade was selling crafts as part of a fundraiser during the supper. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Reflections...

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The Return Of Jesus Christ!

The Bible tells us that there is a great event coming some day: the return of Jesus Christ! It will be different from His first coming, when the Lord set aside "the glory I had with the Father before the world began" and appeared as a baby in a manger. When Jesus Christ comes again, He will appear as the triumphant King who brings history as we know it to a close.

While such a thought might stir people up, the fact is the world has been waiting for a long time, about 2,000 years, for Jesus Christ to come again. Because it has been a long time, some might have lost hope or interest in this very important event. It is important, since its impact will affect every person on the earth.

Most of us are aware of people who have made complete fools of themselves trying to predict with precision when the world will end or when Jesus will return. The Bible warns us not to become caught up in speculations about the exact time of Jesus' return.

"Now brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"; in other words, somewhat unexpectedly. It is foolish to try to figure out the exact details of His coming, since God Himself declares there will be an element of surprise.

However, just as we are not eternally surprised by a surprise birthday party, since they generally occur around a birthday, we are not supposed to be entirely unaware of when Jesus will return.

The Bible says that as the time of His return approaches, "the love of most will grow cold, because of the increase of wickedness." That seems to be happening in our own generation.

Wherever one looks, love is growing cold. Throughout the developed world, the divorce rate is at or above 50 percent. It wasn't like that in previous generations. It is not now happening because people are loving each other more.

In fact, throughout our society, supposedly the most developed in history, man's inhumanity to man appears to be worsening. While these realities may seem to be a cause for despair, in truth they are reasons for hope: hope that the time of Jesus' return draws near.

If the time of Jesus' return is drawing closer, now is a good time for people everywhere to ready themselves. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out whether or not we are ready. It is really that simple.

Ask yourself: if Jesus Christ were to suddenly return to earth this afternoon, would you be ready? Do you relish, or retreat, from that prospect? Do you have confidence you would go to heaven with Him?

God wants each of us to be people of the light and people of the day. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep (in death), we may live together with Him.

Let us pray with the Psalmist: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Great Happenings
This Week At Valley
Community Church

Great things are happening at Valley Community Church! In addition to welcoming five new friends into our church family, we are busily preparing for the upcoming holiday season.

On Sunday, November 17th, our Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. and will focus on scripture taken from Matthew 25:14-30, which is the Parable of the Three Servants and the Talents. Pastor Steve's message will surely make us smile as well as leave us with some thought-provoking insights to ponder.

Our coffee time after the service gives us a chance to enjoy great fellowship before preparing to settle down for church school, which begins at 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

On Tuesday, November 19th, the Junior Choir meets at 6:30 p.m. Our children are enthusiastically rehearsing for their participation in our Worship Service.

Also on Tuesday, the ladies of the church will meet at the home of Dot Wells at 7:00 p.m. to work on their many craft items to be sold at the December chicken supper.

The Senior Choir will meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. With their growing number and mighty voices, they are busy preparing some powerful songs for the upcoming holidays.

Also on Wednesday, we will be holding a financial seminar for all church members beginning at 6:30 p.m. A financial advisor from American Express will give us some useful information on tax-deductible donations.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 will meet in Dunn Hall on Thursday at 6:15 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, church members will once again gather for their monthly Fellowship Supper. This month, our supper will be prepared by the Granger and Kopy families, and our entertainment will be provided by a nationally-known cellist.

Great things are indeed happening "high on a hilltop" at Valley Community Church. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to worship with us. Your heart and soul will be touched by God's presence.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

St. Theresa's Holiday
Bazaar Is Set For
Sat., November 16th

St. Theresa's Holiday Bazaar is set for this Saturday, November 16th. It will take place at the Parish Center, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Highlights of the bazaar will include:

- * A food table featuring delicious homemade goodies and sweets.
- * Children's games and puzzles.
- * A turkey basket raffle with all the trimmings from St. Theresa's Women's Club.
- * A "straw game" where everyone's a winner.
- * A craft table and homemade items.
- * "Attic treasures" with good buys available.

So be sure to come to St. Theresa's Holiday Bazaar — everyone is invited!

News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults and young people begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will be on vacation this week. We welcome the Rev. Evelyn Lavelli, associate pastor of Mittineague Congregational Church, as our guest preacher.

Children are welcome to attend the service with their parents, leaving at a designated time for a special project. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Youth Group will begin serving pancakes again for Saturday breakfast beginning this Saturday, November 16th, from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m.

You enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the LBS last weekend; why not enjoy breakfast served by the Youth Group this weekend?

Members of our church choir will be joining other choirs from Agawam at the ecumenical Thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, November 24th, at the Agawam Methodist Church. Plan to join this special gathering for worship on that day.

Please call that church at 786-4174 for more information.

On the calendar this week:

Saturday, November 16th: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Youth Group Pancake Breakfast.

Sunday, November 17th: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads; 7:00 p.m., Confirmation Class.

Monday, November 18th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, November 19th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, November 20th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, November 21st: 2:50 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Friday, November 22nd: 6:30 p.m., OF Ski Sale set up.

Saturday, November 23rd: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., OF Ski Sale.

Pasta Dinner Set
For November 16th At
Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding an "All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner" on Saturday, November 16th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu includes pasta with meatsauce, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and beverage.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are required. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, before Friday, November 15th.

Turkey Supper At
Ag. Methodist Church

Agawam Methodist Church will hold a turkey supper on Saturday, November 16th, at 5:00 p.m.

Reservations are required by November 14th. Call Dana Henry at 789-0684.

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Church News - continued...

Valley Community Church Is Growing

Valley Community Church is pleased to announce that their church family is growing!

On Sunday, November 10th, five new members were added to the growing congregation. Joining in membership were Lois and Charles Granger, Evelyn Vincelette, and Betty and George Kopy. All have been actively involved in the church over the past several months.

Charlie Granger helped to implement the paving of the church driveway while his wife Lois has added her voice to the church choir. Evelyn Vincelette has contributed her wit and vitality to the spirit of the church, while Betty and George Kopy actively offer their time and experience to many activities including our monthly chicken suppers.

The church has truly been enriched with the addition of these new members, and "old-time" members are "tickled" to have them added to our church family.

Great things are happening at Valley Community Church, located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Holly Wreath Bazaar At Ag. Congregational On Saturday, Nov. 23

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam is sponsoring a Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Homebaked foods, dried flowers, wreaths, house plants, candy, handmade gifts, crafts, a collection of new children's and family books, plus used books and a white elephant table are a few of the items featured.

The Christmas Angel Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. serving seafood salad roll with pickles and chips, or a sandwich plate and cup of vegetable soup. Dessert will be apple crisp or fruit compote (sugarless). Coffee or tea will also be included.

A special prize will be raffled off.

Operation Friendship To Host Ski Sale On Saturday, Nov. 23rd

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Ski Sale and Swap on November 23, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Professionals from Ski-In will be on hand to give advice and assistance.

Consignments will be accepted on Friday, November 22nd from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, November 17th, is Youth Sunday. The Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The kindergarten through third grade will be participating in the Worship Service.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Debits & Credits," taken from Matthew 25:14-30. The Children's Message will be "Have You Done Your Chores Today?"

The last evening of Country Line Dancing takes place this Friday, November 15th. Join "Millie and the Gang" for one last dance from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 at the door.

Watch for Country Line Dancing to begin again following the holidays.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DINNER - Saturday, November 16th, at 5:30 p.m. Menu includes: salad, ziti with meatsauce, Italian bread, ice cream & sauce, and beverages.

Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For reservations, call the church office, 786-7111.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold its annual "Holly Wreath Bazaar" on Saturday, November 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday items, handmade crafts, cafe luncheon, baked goods, and more await your arrival. Mark your calendar today!

The Sr. High Youth Group is selling Christmas Wreaths for their annual fundraiser.

These 12" double-faced wreaths are available to order during the coffee hour following the Worship Service. Cost is \$10.

New Member Class - Friday, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. Interested in joining the church? Looking for information about the church and the United Church of Christ?

Come join others to learn about policies, committees, activities, and membership.

Beginning Sunday, December 1st, and continuing each Sunday through December 22nd, the Agawam Congregational and Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor an Advent Series entitled, "Which Way to the Manger?"

The sessions will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The first two sessions (December 1st and 8th) will meet at the Agawam Baptist Church; the final two (December 15th and 22nd) will meet at the Agawam Congregational Church.

The first session theme will be Hostility/Hospitality. Join us during this Advent season to journey through the season together.

Reminder: The 456 Club & Jr. High Youth Groups meet each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Happenings At First Baptist Church

Pastor Richard Barnes will lead morning worship this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Classes for all ages follow a period of fellowship in Davis Hall after worship.

As always, nursery care is available.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, November 18th: 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection.

Tuesday, November 19th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, November 20th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post.

Thursday, November 21st: 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, November 22nd: 7:00 p.m. - Senior Youth Group.

Saturday, November 23rd: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Jingle Valley Fair; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Roller Skating & Laserstrom - Youth.

Youth are reminded that this Sunday, November 17th, is the deadline to purchase tickets for the December 8th Christian Concert in Worcester.

Also, remember to sign up on the Youth Board in Davis Hall for Laserstorm on Saturday, November 23rd.

Caring Connection contacts for the month of November are Doug & Sharon Grabowski, (860) 668-0450, and Jack & Gwen Magovern, 786-3542.

Our annual Jingle Valley Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23rd. There will be a gift booth, candy cupboard, plant shed, Christmas decoration booth, and Grandmother's cupboard. A snowflake luncheon will be a special feature as usual.

This is only a sampling of what will be featured at the Fair. Come and see for yourself! Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Two Churches Join For Advent Series

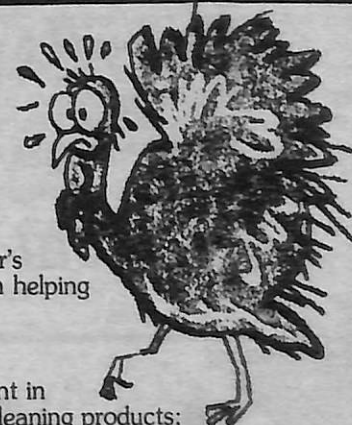
The Agawam Congregational Church and Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor a joint four-week advent series beginning Sunday, December 1st from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The first session, "Hostility/Hospitality," will be held at the Agawam Baptist Church with Reverend Curt Fuller and Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director, as well as the second session on Sunday, December 8th.

The following two sessions, December 15th and 22nd, will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church with Reverend Rick Barnes and Tim Diek, Christian Education/Youth Director.

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Church News - continued...**Jingle Valley Fair
Slated For Nov. 23rd
At 1st Baptist Church**

The annual Jingle Valley Fair has been scheduled for Saturday, November 23, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam.

Each year, we present hundreds of wonderful holiday items and gifts. Tables include: The General Store, The Candy Cupboard, Grandmother's Cupboard, The Loft, Attic Treasures, The Shed, Blacksmith Shop, and The Snack Bar.

The items are too numerous to mention: hand-crafted items, homemade goods and sweets, Christmas decorations, and "white elephants," as well as fresh plants and dried flowers.

There will also be door prizes available. In addition, cemetery boxes (at \$8 each) can be ordered by calling 786-8285.

The fair will also feature a "Snowflake Luncheon" with sittings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and the cost of the luncheon is only \$5 per person.

The menu will include Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk. Advanced reservations can be made by calling 786-6983 or 786-8624.

Don't miss the Jingle Valley Fair on Saturday, November 23rd — see you there!

For all the local news, you turn our pages every week

**Agawam United Methodist Church Extends
Welcome For Spiritual Revitalization**

Sunday, November 17th offers another opportunity for worship by all who seek a time of recreation (not recreation) and spiritual revitalization for a new week of work and other activities whether physical or spiritual.

We at the Agawam United Methodist Church, 459 Mill Street, extend to all such persons a warm welcome as you join us in our celebration of God's goodness and blessings upon us during the past week.

The highlight of the worship will be the baptism of infants. Other children present will enjoy the pleasure of the introduction of new ones, who (through our preparatory records) will be added to their number. The presence of youth at worship will also be recognized through their leadership in the reading of the scriptures.

The new bible study for the season began on Monday, November 11th. Persons present spoke joyfully of the new experience of reading and sharing the message of scripture, as they discovered its significance for our lives in this age.

Other bible studies will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All are invited.

Blanket Sunday is also on November 17th. This

activity is being sponsored by the Committee on Missions.

Funds raised will go towards providing blankets to help needy refugee families. Come and pin your mission offering on the new blanket which will be displayed in the church.

The seasonal ceremony of the Lighting of the Advent Candle begins on Sunday, December 1st. On this day, we will invite our friends and relatives to worship with us, as symbolically we hail the dawn of the light of Christ in our life and affairs.

On November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, our doors and our worship are open to friends, loved ones, and strangers and visitors "within our gates" who, on reflection of all of God's goodness and mercies to them, wish to join us in celebrating and giving thanks to God.

Focus will also be on the dedication of communion kneelers, which have been specially designed and made by the women of the church.

The Agawam United Methodist Church will be the host for the Annual Ecumenical Service. This will be held on Sunday, November 24th, at 4:00 p.m.

**Hour Of Prayer & Song Slated At
Dominican Nuns In West Springfield**

The monthly hour of prayer and song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel, 1430 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, on Sunday, November 17th, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of evening prayer, the recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction.

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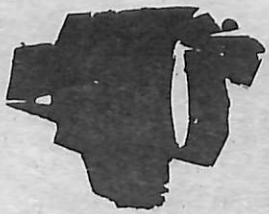
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Spotlight On Business

Assisted Living Facility Now Being Built At Heritage Hall Center

Genesis ElderCare, a leading provider of health care and support services to the elderly, is building a new assisted living facility in Agawam.

When complete, Heritage Woods will generate approximately 30 new jobs and will provide 112 separate living units for older adults in the Greater Springfield Community. The services offered at the new care site will complement those already provided on the campus of Heritage Hall Center, a Genesis ElderCare Center consisting of 533 beds.

On Thursday, October 24th, a dedication was held to commemorate the establishment of the new assisted living community which is part of the full continuum of services offered by Genesis ElderCare. Designed to encourage and enable older Americans to live full lives, the Company is committed to helping people maintain their independence.

"We're looking forward to providing an alternative site for our customers whose health care needs do not require long-term placement," stated Michael Walker, Chairman and CEO of Genesis Health Ventures, the parent company of Genesis ElderCare. "Heritage Woods will make it possible for us to help individuals who want to maintain a sense of well-being but who require some daily support in order to do so."

In addition to 40 double and 72 single unit apartments, Heritage Woods will offer a variety of amenities and services catering to the personal lifestyles of its customers. With immediate access to Heritage Hall Center and the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation, also located in Agawam, customers will have the peace of mind which comes from knowing they can easily access a comprehensive health care support system.

Heritage Hall Center can provide skilled nursing care, short-term rehabilitation, infusion therapy, respiratory therapy, incontinence assessment and management, nutritional management, dialysis, hospice care, respite services, and subacute care. The Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation provides care management, rehabilitation therapy, home care, and access to physicians specializing in the needs of older adults.



IN PHOTO LEFT, Genesis ElderCare Physician Dr. Vincent Barnaba talks with Michael Kogut, assistant attorney general for Elder Protection for Massachusetts, on October 24th. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson offers comment at a dedication ceremony on October 24th at the construction site of "Heritage Woods" on the grounds of Heritage Hall Center.



John Tocci of Tocci Construction will be the general contractor for the new building which is estimated to cost \$7.2 million. Steve Woodman of Woodman Design Group has been retained as the interior design firm.

Genesis ElderCare, a brand name of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., based in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, is redefining how America cares for the elderly, with a coordinated approach that allows each older American to define and live a full life.

The company has been in the Greater Springfield Community since 1985 when it acquired Heritage Hall Center, Hampden House, and

Chapin Center. In the same year, Genesis acquired the Willimansett Centers in Chicopee. Since that time, it has added other support services, including rehabilitation services, home care, physician services, care management, pharmacy services, and medical supplies. Each of the services is viewed as a way to strengthen the likelihood that individual goals will be met, enabling customers to realize their full potential.

Completion of Heritage Woods is expected in early spring of 1997. Residential applications are currently being accepted by contacting Tera Gordon, Senior Director of Admissions, at 786-8000, ext. 212.

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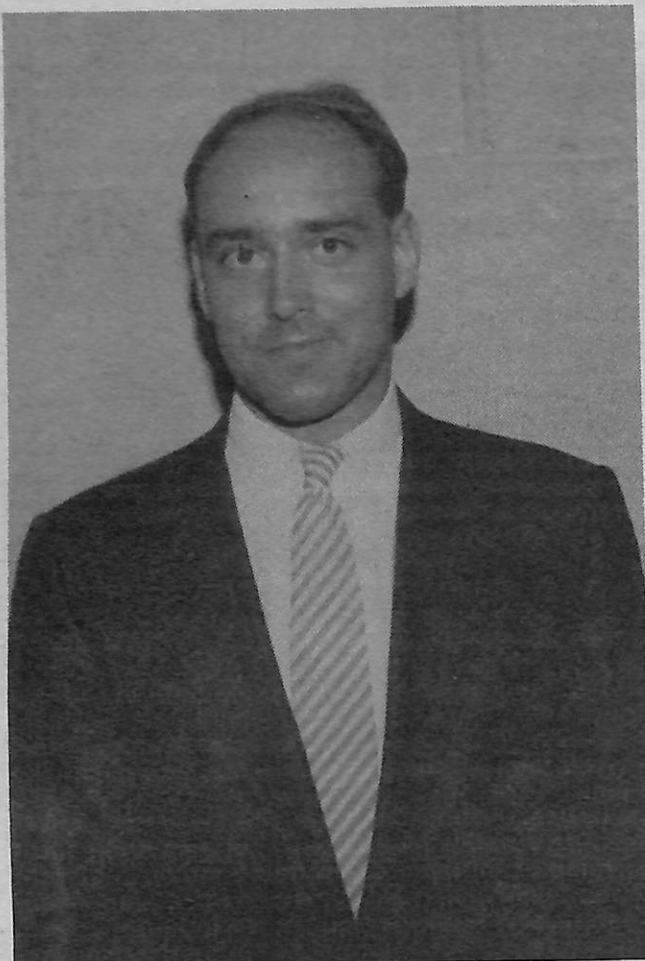
Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield, MA, will be presenting a special multi-seminar format for employees from all types of businesses and organizations on Tuesday, November 19th, at the Best Western Colonial Inn in East Windsor, CT.

From 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., he will be presenting "Laugh More, Live Longer" for \$12 per person; between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, he'll be presenting "Prolific Customer Service: How To Attract, Retain, And Delight Your Customers Each And Every Time" for \$20 per person.

Then, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Dr. Sobel will present "Dancing With Wolves: How To Deal Superbly And Creatively With Difficult People And Situations" for \$20 per person. However, if you decide to attend all three seminars, the total cost will be \$40.

Dr. Sobel will also be presenting a special program from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, November 21st, titled "What To Do When Life Throws You Curveballs: Handling Adversity, Stress, And Change." The cost for this program is \$20 per person.

Pre-registration is required for all of the aforementioned programs by calling (413) 785-1259. Continuing education units are available, as well as group discounts.



DAVID CECCHI

Cecchi Renames Graphics Business As "Cecco" (Check-O)

David Cecchi announced recently a new name for his freelance graphic design, art direction, and advertising business as well as some recent honors. DRC Design, founded by him nine years ago after graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, is now Cecco (pronounced Check-o).

Cecchi explains, "Cecco was my great grandfather's last name before he came to the United States from Italy. It was changed to "Cecchi" at some point in the years since. It's an interesting way to use the 'family' name."

Cecco was recognized recently by the Advertising Club of Western Massachusetts at their Charles A. Stein Awards for the following pieces: *Micro Abrasives Corporation Presentation Folder*, a marketing piece created for Micro Abrasives Corporation of Westfield; *Cecco Mark*, the logo created by Cecchi for his renamed company; and *E. Cecchi Farms, Summer, 1996*, this past summer's advertising campaign which celebrated his family's farm's 50th year in Feeding Hills with archival photographs and personal recollections.

The Stein Awards are presented annually by the Advertising Club to recognize outstanding work in the communication arts.

In addition to a new name, the business has a new address; Cecchi recently moved from Feeding Hills to 29 Albert Street in Agawam.

Disco Bowling Continues To Catch On At Games & Lanes On Walnut St. Ext.

Black lights, ultraviolet designs, huge mirror balls, two fog machines, and D.J. Rob Anthony, make all bowlers at Games and Lanes believe they're in Hollywood.

"Disco Bowling began on the West Coast and has become very popular very quickly here," says Bob Brunelle, President of Games and Lanes. "We have young people from all over Western Mass. coming here on Friday nights to enjoy the show. Word of mouth has spread the popularity of

this attraction and we're getting students from UMass and all the colleges and high schools."

Over \$12,000 of lighting and special effects make this a special one-of-a-kind production every Friday night from 9:30 to midnight. Please join us for the fun when FREE 'glo' necklaces and bracelets will be given this Friday at Games and Lanes, 350 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam from 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Investment Seminar At Agawam Library On Tues., Nov. 19th

Donna L. Berthiaume, a financial advisor for Prudential Securities, will present a lecture on "Investment Planning for Women: Keys to Your Financial Independence and Security" at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the community room.

Key topics of the lecture will include investment and retirement planning information, risk levels, building self-confidence, and capitalizing on behaviors and attitudes of women that contribute to successful investing.

The lecture is limited to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents and anyone who would like to sign-up can either stop by the library on 750 Cooper St. or call 789-1550.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Halloween Is Agawam's Business!!!



PART OF THE STAFF of Partner's Restaurant on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, got into the Halloween spirit on Thursday, October 31st. From left - Linda Barry, Laura Drouin, and Maryanne Dickmann. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK on Main Street, Agawam Center. From left - Mary-Beth Sherbo, Sheryl Fleming, Donna Kennedy (branch manager), Donna Ruccio, Melissa Blascak, and Casey Ferguson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFF OF LUIGI'S PIZZA N' PASTA at the South End Bridge Circle on Halloween -kneeling - Justin Baker, the Luigi's Pirate; Standing - Chris McElligott, prisoner; owner Jim Planzo as a box of Kleenex; and Kevin Willard, "Just Waking Up."

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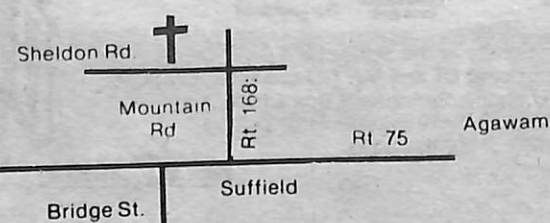
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STAFF MEMBERS IN THE Agawam Town Treasurer's Office on Halloween Day. From left - Rosemarie Remillard, Pauline Mercadante, Judy Spencer, Paula Burke, and Laurel Placzek (treasurer). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CORNER DELI on Main Street, Agawam Center, were donned in their Halloween attire on October 31st. From left - Diane Musa, Janet Carabetta, Terry Gallerani, Steve Manolakis (owner), and Joseph Manolakis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EMPLOYEES OF THE AGAWAM FEDERAL CREDIT UNION on Washington Avenue Extension. From left - Grace Janik, Lorraine Ruzala, Gayle Pueschel, Linda Verteramo, and Gloria Kerr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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WHILE HE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE A SENIOR CITIZEN, Agawam Health Agent Randall White receives his flu shot from Town Nurse Marialyse Rivers at the Agawam Senior Center recently. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Dr. James Doering of Agawam gives senior citizen Roland Bencivenni his flu shot.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Cancer Support Group Mtg. At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room A (located on the ground floor of the hospital).

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer and their families or support persons.

Registration is not required. For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Oncology Department, at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, extension 5698.

Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hospital

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The free group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Mobile Hearing Unit Coming To Senior Ctr.

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on November 18th at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids, and assistive-listening devices, can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

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For Your Health - continued...**Nationwide Effort To Educate Public On Diabetic Eye Disease During November**

The American Optometric Association has joined 11 prominent groups in a nationwide collaboration aimed at educating the public about diabetic eye disease during November, "National Diabetes Month." The goal of the public awareness campaign is to reach the 16-million Americans who have diabetes with an important message: A yearly dilated eye examination can save your vision.

"The single, most important thing that a person with diabetes can do to prevent blindness is to have a dilated eye at least once a year," said Dr. Gallerani.

Each year, 25,000 Americans lose their sight to diabetic retinopathy, which is the most common form of diabetic eye disease and has no warning signs. In 90 percent of cases, early detection through a dilated eye exam, followed by timely laser surgery, can prevent blindness from the condition.

In diabetic retinopathy, abnormal blood vessels grow in the retina, the light-sensing tissue that lines the back of the eye. These vessels can bleed into the tissue, and in advanced stages, cause the retina to detach from the rest of the eye. In addition, the central part of the retina, which is crucial to vision, may swell. The result of these changes may be vision loss or blindness.

By dilating the pupil, an eye care professional can examine the retina and can detect any changes that suggest diabetic retinopathy. Early detection, routine monitoring, and appropriate timing of laser surgery are essential to effective treatment of the disease.

"Taking just an hour or so to have a dilated eye examination at least once a year can save people

with diabetes from a lifetime of blindness. I think that most people would agree that the time it takes to have this examination is time well spent," said Carl Kupfer, M.D., director of the National Eye Institute (NEI) of the National Institutes of Health.

This is the third year that the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the NEI have agreed to make diabetic eye disease the focus of "National Diabetes Month." For the third year, the American Optometric Association, a national organization with local members, is helping these leadership organizations to reach people at risk by disseminating their sight-saving message at the community level.

Other organizations taking part in the "National Diabetes Month" campaign include the following:

- * Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education
- * Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Public Health Service
- * Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.
- * American Academy of Ophthalmology
- * Delta Gamma Foundation
- * Hispanic Nurses Association Houston Chapter
- * The Links, Incorporated
- * Lions Clubs International
- * Lions Clubs International Foundation
- * Prevent Blindness America

More information about diabetic retinopathy and about "National Diabetes Month" may be obtained by calling 1-800-DIABETES, the ADA's toll-free number.

Fitness First In Feeding Hills Offering Several Good Health Programs**"TOP 10 WAYS TO LOSE BODY FAT"**

Registered Dietitian and TV22 Spokesperson Nancy Dell will be addressing the hot topic "Top 10 Ways to Lose Body Fat" on Tuesday, November 19th, at Fitness First in Feeding Hills.

Exercise, diet, and eight glasses of water each day are just the beginning. Come hear what the experts say about losing and keeping off unwanted body fat!

This seminar will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there is a \$5 fee per person. Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE "STRESSLESS HOLIDAYS"?

Many of us allow ourselves to get stressed out over the holidays with all the shopping and baking and running around that has to be done. It doesn't have to be that way!

Motivational Speaker Debbie Papagno says that if you plan early enough and approach the holidays with a positive attitude rather than dreading them, they can actually be enjoyable and stressless. Come hear her tips at Fitness

First on Thursday, November 21st, at her seminar entitled "Stressless Holidays."

Ms. Papagno will be focusing on how to start your holiday shopping and entertainment planning early, along with exercise and food trade-offs you can use to make the traditionally stressful and hectic season not so crazy.

Call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat. This seminar is free and open to the public.

HEADACHE ... BE GONE!

Attention all headache sufferers! Perhaps you need some expert advice on what to do about your headaches? The second lecture in Fitness First's fall Community Medical Update Series focuses on "Headaches."

We all get them but don't always know why or how to alleviate the pain. Come hear the latest on how to get rid of your headache safely and easily on Wednesday, November 27th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This program will be held at the Agawam Public Library and is free to the public. Call Fitness First at 786-1460 to reserve your seat.

**Your Back And Your Health**

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
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Football-Related Injuries

Football is one of the roughest, toughest sports, and it attracts thousands of youngsters each fall. Unfortunately, the thrills it generates for spectators are often accompanied by injuries to the participants.

As chiropractic physicians, our interest in the game goes beyond the competition when there is an injury at the game, or the possibility that one has occurred.

An injury on the football field is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs. It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While football is a fine builder of character and body, no football injury should be forgotten until after a competent consultation and examination.

Football is part of an American tradition in education, and it is certainly here to stay. But there is always a price for good things, and the price of football is occasional injury to the players.

The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office, 192 Shoemaker Lane, emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured. Call 789-1369.

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Headaches

Last week, while I was visiting my brother, my mother, was also there. She was lying down on the couch with a terrible headache. She doesn't get them too often anymore, but when she does, they tend to be severe and debilitating.

She thought this one particular headache may have been due to her sinuses, since she hadn't eaten anything that would normally trigger her headache. After asking her a few questions about her headache; where is it located and what does it feel like, what makes it better/worse, etc., I did a brief examination to assess her problem.

Then I treated my mother with gentle muscle work to the tightened muscles, gentle pressure to pressure points associated with sinus problems, and chiropractic manipulative therapy.

The techniques I used helped loosen the tightened musculature and help drain the sinuses. Within the next hour, my mother stated she was feeling much better. She joined us for dinner and we all had a wonderful time.

Headaches can be difficult to assess and treat, due to the fact that there are many causes for the headache. The most important aspect is to be diagnosed correctly. You don't want to be taking medication for sinus headaches when the problem is high blood pressure!

An informative discussion series on headaches is taking place at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. The group of professionals discussing headaches will include neurologist Emilio Melchionna, Licensed Massage Therapist Cathy Steers, and myself. Please join us for what is sure to be a fascinating evening. There is no charge and you may reserve a seat by calling 786-1440 or 786-4820.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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EXHIBIT A

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described in two (2) parcels as follows:

PARCEL 1:

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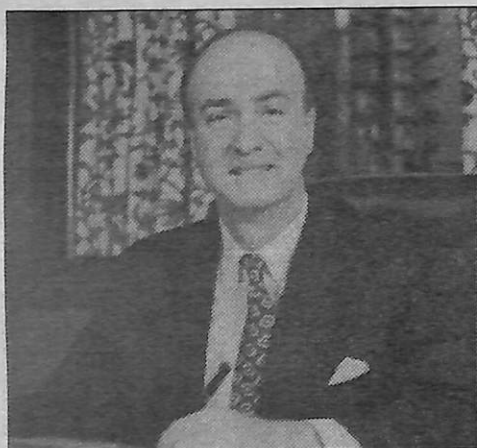
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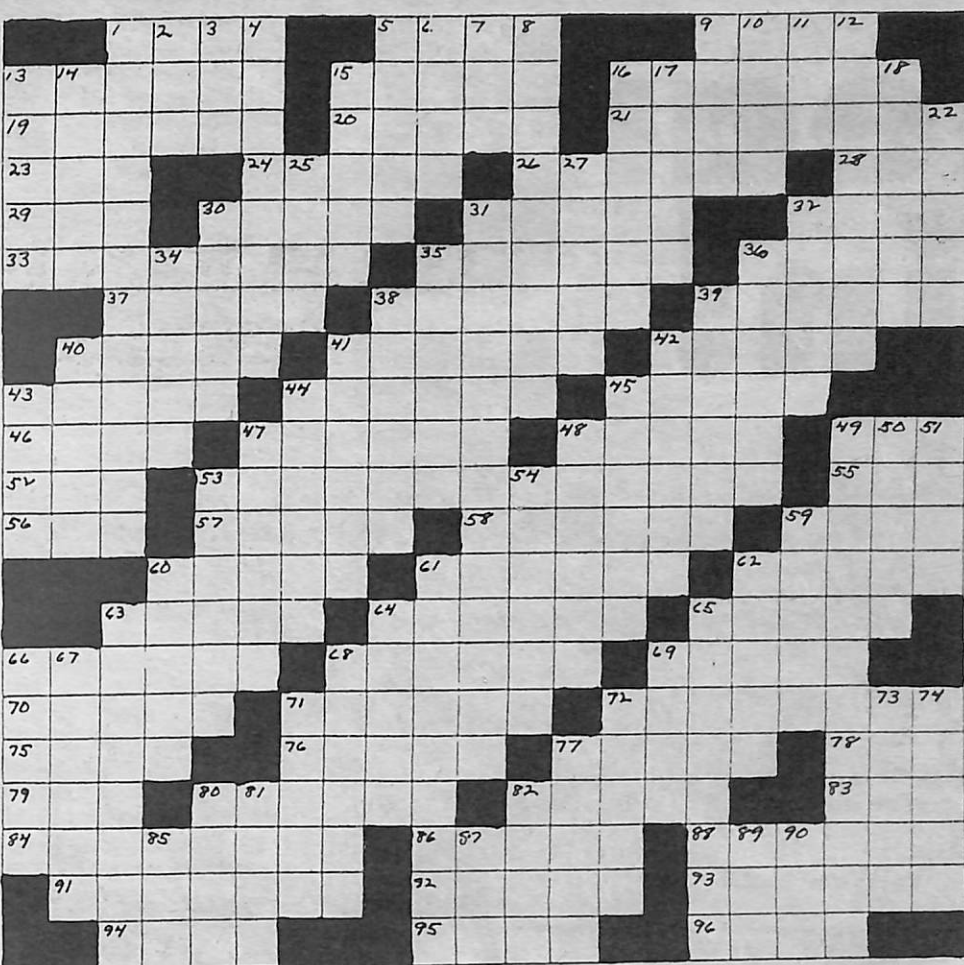


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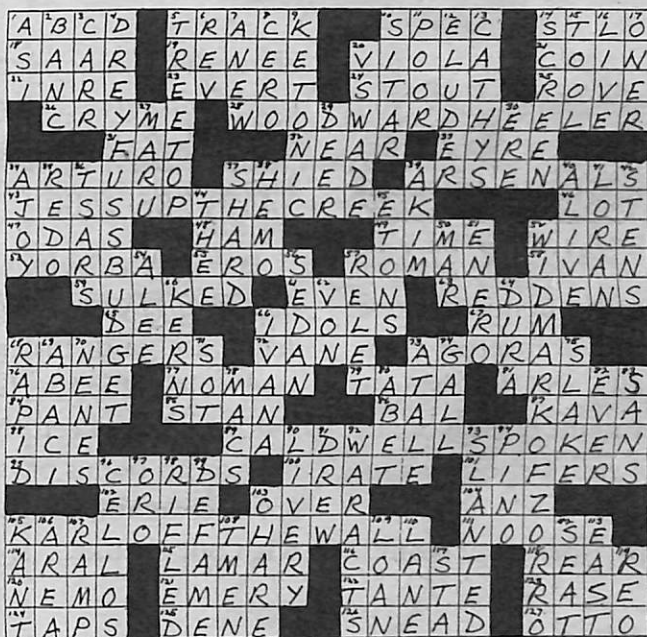
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Young People's Concert To Honor "Family Life Week"

A special event will take place on Sunday, November 24th, at 3:00 p.m. The Young People's Symphony (conducted by Patrick C. Smith) and the Young People's Philharmonia (under the baton of Laurie K. Redmer) will present a concert in celebration of "Family Life Week," sponsored by area Scottish Rite Masons.

The concert will be presented at the Masonic Temple at 339 State Street, Springfield, and there is no charge. An ice cream social, which is also free, will follow the concert.

The Western Massachusetts Youth Orchestras, which were started in 1945 by Alexander Leslie, are composed of outstanding youth musicians whose talent and dedication have earned them an opportunity to perform with these wonderful organizations.

This is the fourth year that they have helped the local Masons celebrate "Family Life Week," and their usual excellent performance is anticipated.

All are most welcome to enjoy the concert and ice cream social.

The Secret Garden Is Now Under Way For St. Martha Players

St. Martha Players will continue their presenta-tion of *The Secret Garden* November 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, and 30th at 8:00 p.m. in Goulet Hall at St. Martha School on Brainard Road in En-field.

Kristina Bendikas is excited about her direc-torial debut as she works with the Players for the first time. She comes to the Players with an MFA in theater from Virginia Commonwealth University, and she is currently working on her PhD in Drama from the University of Toronto. She has an extensive background in performance and direc-ting in community and regional theater. To further qualify her for musical theater, Bendikas has also studied Voice and Piano for many years.

The Secret Garden is the musical adaptation of the well-known classic tale involving the orphaned Mary, who is sent to live with a bedridden cousin, named Colin, and his father, Archibald, in Yorkshire, England. As Mary and Colin become friends, they work together to revive a garden that Colin's deceased mother loved.

Through their work in the garden, Colin's health is restored and Archibald, who has long mourned the loss of his wife, finally reconciles her death through the love of his son.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and children under 12. Reservations may be made by calling (860) 745-6368.

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	6:15 - 7:00 pm	Baby Swim
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Program About Louisa May Alcott At Agawam Library

Come to the Community Room at the Agawam Library on Friday, December 6th, and watch Marianne Donnelly bring Louisa May Alcott to life. Her research of this and other famous women is used to create electrifying portraits.

I know. Ms. Donnelly had me almost leaping from my seat as I watched her truly memorable creations. When *The Boston Globe* referred to her performance as "zesty fun" by an "accomplished actress," they were right on the mark.

Students! Show this notice to your English teachers. Perhaps you could write a review or a character sketch. Teachers! Suggest to your students that this hour-long performance would make a great evening's entertainment.

The performance is free. It begins at 7:30 p.m. The Agawam Cultural Council guarantees you'll have an evening to remember.

Turkey Craft For Kids At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three and up are invited to our Thanksgiving craft-in-the-hall on Saturday, November 16th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reserve a kit by calling 789-1550 or by stopping by at 750 Cooper Street. Come anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the day of the program and pick up your craft kit when you check out a book. We'll supply all you'll need to create something right here in our hallway that you can take home.

Sorry, no rainchecks after the program.

St. Martha Players Have Many Openings For New Members

Staff is needed for St. Martha Cabaret Players' 1997 spring and fall productions. Positions available include director, musical director, choreographer, costumer, and stage manager.

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HEY, JACK DEVINE IS OLD, BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THIS PHOTO: the life of Louisa May Alcott will be brought back to life at the Agawam Public Library on Friday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council. Louisa May Alcott is pictured above marching in a parade through downtown Boston marking the 75th anniversary of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. She is being portrayed by Marianne Donnelly.

"Pinocchio" To Be Staged Nov. 15th-17th At Red Door Theatre In Feeding Hills

STAGE Children's Theatre will bring to life Carlo Collodi's classic tale of "Pinocchio" on November 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"Pinocchio" is the tale of a wooden marionette who longs to become a real boy. He sets off on his mission to prove that he is "brave, honest, and true" for, as the Blue Fairy has told him, only then will he become a real boy.

He begins by going to school only to be sidetracked by the Grand Theatre of the Marionettes, a wily Fox and a sly Cat, and many a mishap and adventure. Pinocchio even has to rescue his father, Gepetto, from the belly of a giant whale. Eventually, he reached his goal but it is a long and arduous journey.

Playing the role of Pinocchio are Michael Chase, Corrine Cardin, and Sara Dorans. The Blue Fairy is played by Lori Clarke; the Cricket by Jenn Roda; Gepetto by Lyle Pearsons; the Fox by Cheryl Demko; Cat by Cara Dello Russo; and Lampwick is played by Ryan Stelzer.

Rounding out the cast are Dan Candella, Rachael Nisenkier, and Ricky Avonti as the Puppets; Kayleigh Iverson, Amber Higley, Tim Brown, and Jennifer Clark as the marionettes; Jaime Pearsons, Christy Haire, and Amy Osgood as children; Tiffany Blackman as the Teacher; Josh Lewin as Antonio; Sara Longtin as Maria; Kevin Emerson as the Fisherman; and Kati Lewantowicz as Theresa.

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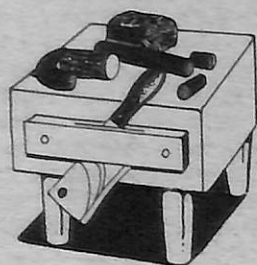
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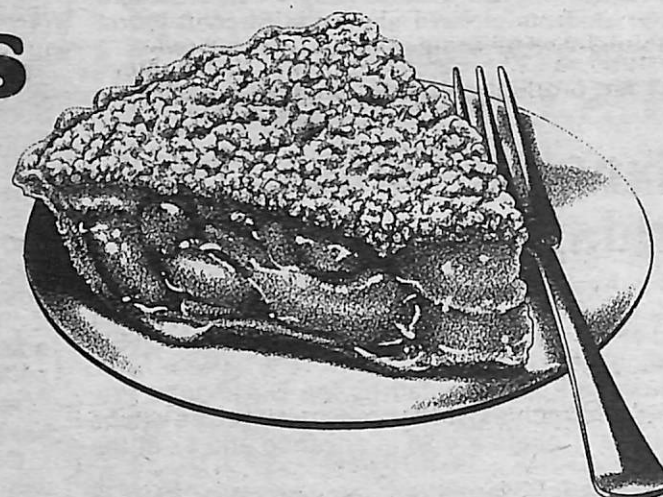


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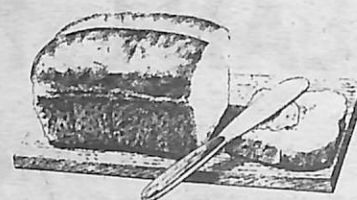
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AHS Cheerleaders Planning Dance On Friday, Nov. 22nd

The Agawam High School Cheerleaders are holding a fundraising dance on Friday, November 22nd at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

Music will be provided by the D.J. Sound Production. Munchies, raffles, and door prizes will be available. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

For ticket information, please call 786-7578 (after 6:00 p.m.).

All proceeds to benefit the Agawam High School Cheerleaders.



AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Guidance Coordinator
AHS Guidance Dept.

Questions Parents Ask

After working here since 1980 and having many parents come into my office with concerns, I am still struck by the similarity of the questions. I thought by sharing some of the questions with you, it might provide you with some additional insight.

How can I be a better listener?

Convey to your child that you **WANT** to listen. When your child is talking to you, look directly at him/her. Stop doing what you are doing and give your full attention to your child. He/she can sense when you are preoccupied and you will give the feeling that you really don't care what your child has to say.

If you really can't listen at that particular time, explain why and set a time that you can listen. However, don't do this frequently or your child will stop sharing with you. Sometimes, you just must muster your energy and focus on your child's needs, no matter what **YOUR** needs are at that moment.

What do I do when I am trying to discuss something and my child starts yelling and/or will not listen?

Set expectations for your child before you start talking. Tell him/her that you are willing to listen, but when you wish to speak, you want your child to listen. Each of you should respect the other and be given time to speak to the other without interruptions.

If your child does start yelling, lower your voice and talk slowly and quietly. If you feed into the way your child is acting and start yelling, too, then the conversation will go nowhere and communications will break down.

At times, you may have to say, "Calm down; I can't hear you when you are yelling." Then, wait for your child to cool off before continuing. Sometimes, your child doesn't want your input; airing the problem is enough for the time being.

How can I get my child to share his feelings when he is upset?

Sometimes it helps to just let your child talk and the feelings will unfold. Other times, you might use the following to give your child the courage to speak.

"You seem really (happy, sad, nervous, angry, scared, embarrassed) by (whatever)." This type of sentence often will open the door to discussion.

How can I get my child to talk with me about her/his day?

Often, it helps to share something about your day before asking about your child's day. If you simply say, "How was your day?", you will usually

receive a curt "Okay," "Fine," "Dunno."

At times, you can just be direct and say, "I feel unhappy that something is bothering you. Remember, I'm here for you. Care to talk about it?"

Look concerned and caring. Put your arm around your child when you ask the question. Do not badger your child to answer. When he/she is ready to share, it will happen.

What do I do when my child will not carry through with what I have asked him/her to do?

When you want your child to do something or listen to what you have to say, make sure you have his/her attention. You should pick a quiet place, and be looking at each other.

Tell him/her what is expected and have your child repeat back to you what has been said to make certain there is no misunderstanding. Leave room for discussion of the fairness of the request. This will allow your child to take ownership of the request and be more likely to do it.

How can I make my child feel that I am not attacking him/her?

By using "I" messages instead of blaming messages, you are better able to start a conversation and resolve conflicts.

BLAMING: "You were out until 12:30 and now you're in big trouble. And I don't want to hear excuses."

"I" MESSAGE: "I worry about you when you are late coming home. What happened? Please call me next time if you are going to be late."

From parenting three sons, I know that it's not always easy to keep your cool, but counting to 10 ... and beyond ... when necessary does help.

The above suggestions do help, too. Try using them. After a while, they will become second nature.

If you have any other suggestions that have helped you, let me know, and I'll be delighted to pass them on.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with the following college representative, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

November 18th - Endicott College.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund - Open to outstanding students of Hispanic background. Deadline: February 1, 1997.

St. Michael's College State Scholarships - Open to students from each of the New England states who plan to attend St. Michael's. Deadline: February 1, 1997..

OPEN HOUSES: See Mrs. Williams for more information.

Western New England College - December 8th and January 25th.

Fisher College - November 24th.

Westfield State College - November 16th.

Massachusetts Teen Pageant is now searching for applicants for the pageant to be held April 12 and 13, 1997. Contestants will be judged on the basis of attractiveness, personal charm, and outgoing personality. See your counselor if you are interested.

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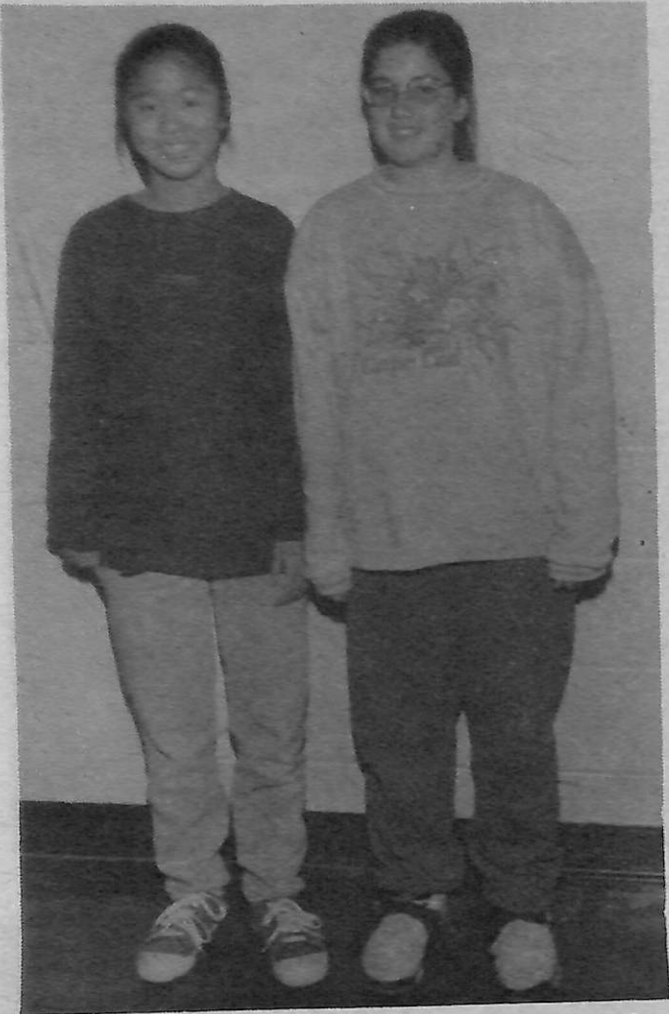
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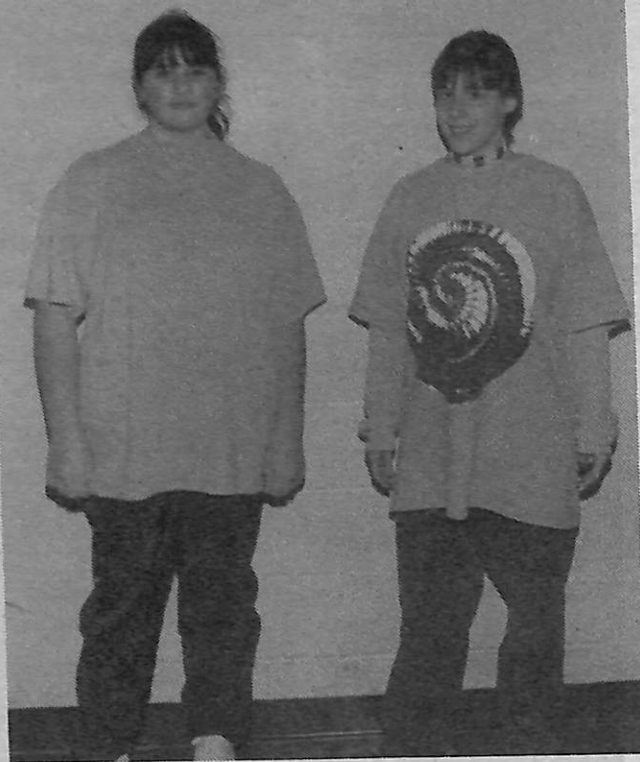
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Jr. High "Art Students Of The Month"



ART STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for the seventh grade at the Agawam Junior High School were Kei Fujioka and Jenn Dobise. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ART STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for the eighth grade at the Agawam Junior High School were Katie Gallagher and Marjorie Bilodeau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Phelps Bake Sale



ONCE AGAIN the Phelps School PTO held a bake sale on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th near the voting area. From left - Donna Pereira, Marc Pereira, Kevin Oakes, and Lynn Oakes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Three AHS Teachers Awarded Grants To Attend Mgmt. Seminar

Math teacher Beverlyan Pasternak, art teacher Geraldine Anne Schilling-Nordal, and reading teacher Sandra Marona received grants. These were awarded by Delta Kappa Gamma, an International Honor Society, Alpha Chapter, to attend a Leadership/Management Seminar in Auburn on November 2nd.

Sessions focused on identifying personality types, learning and leadership styles, stress management, thinking on your feet, and communication techniques as well as managing change and team building.

The seven-hour workshop in leadership and management was conducted by women leaders in the field of education and is held annually.

Delta Gamma Society International endorses and supports the efforts of women educators world-wide and sponsors scholarships for young women interested in the field of education as well as other student endeavors. It is also a provider of recertification credit for its members, professionals in the field of education.

Mathew Forastiere Is A Freshman At Suffolk University

This fall, Mathew Forastiere has begun his freshman year at Suffolk University. Mathew is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Forastiere of Agawam. Suffolk University is a private institution located on Boston's historic Beacon Hill, providing quality education at an affordable cost for students of all ages and backgrounds.

Suffolk has a combined enrollment of 6,200 full-time and part-time students in its college of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Sawyer School of Management, Law School and the New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University.

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Boy Scout Troop 75 To Hold "Sweatshirt Party" This Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 75 in Feeding Hills will sponsor a "Sweatshirt Party" on Sunday, November 17th, at the Parish Center of Sacred Heart Church from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser will purchase camping equipment for use by the scouts in the troop.

Available for purchase at the "Sweatshirt Party" will be designer wear, sportswear, jogging sets, sweatshirts, kids' clothes, and more ... all name brands at wholesale prices. Cash, checks, and major credit cards will be accepted.

The sale offers great gift ideas for birthdays or the holidays without the usual crowds of shoppers. For more information, call 786-6179.

Phelps School PTO Will Be Celebrating "Month Of Giving"

With the holidays quickly approaching, the Phelps PTO would like to let the Agawam residents know we will be celebrating a "Month of Giving" at Phelps School.

Each week beginning November 18th and ending December 13th, we will be having different activities scheduled for the students with a "giving" theme. By giving, each of us will receive a special feeling knowing we helped make someone's holiday brighter.

Our first week will be a "penny drive" for Toys for Joy. The second week, children will be making holiday cards for Tiny Tim and Country Estates. Our third week will be a food drive for the Open Pantry, and our final week will be a mitten tree.

We hope that in the coming weeks you will enjoy seeing and sharing in our "Month of Giving."

LPVEC Names Two Two Agawam Pupils Students Of Month

The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, Vocational-Technical Education Center has named Agawam students Donald Demers (Electronics) and Chris Andre (Technical Careers) "Students of the Month" for October.

The Center recognizes individual students from each program and each session (AM/PM) that have demonstrated some or all of the following:

The ability to apply effectively the skills taught; exemplary behavior towards other students and staff; an above average willingness to work and accept new work; an outstanding attitude of cooperation; continued good attendance in the program; and a strong desire to contribute to the program and the Voc-Tech Center.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 18th: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, November 19th: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, golden French fries, chilled pears in syrup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, November 20th: Baked macaroni with cheese sauce, niblet corn, bread & butter, applesauce or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, November 21st: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce, seasoned diced carrots, oven potato puffs, chocolate brownie, milk.

Friday, November 22nd: Meatball grinder, buttered macaroni, tossed salad, midnight chocolate cake with icing, milk.

Important Notice From AHS

PARENTS' NIGHT

On November 21, 1996, Agawam High School will be conducting a Parents' Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Parents or guardians are invited to attend in order to confer with teachers to discuss their child's academic progress.

Please have your child fill out a schedule for you to follow.

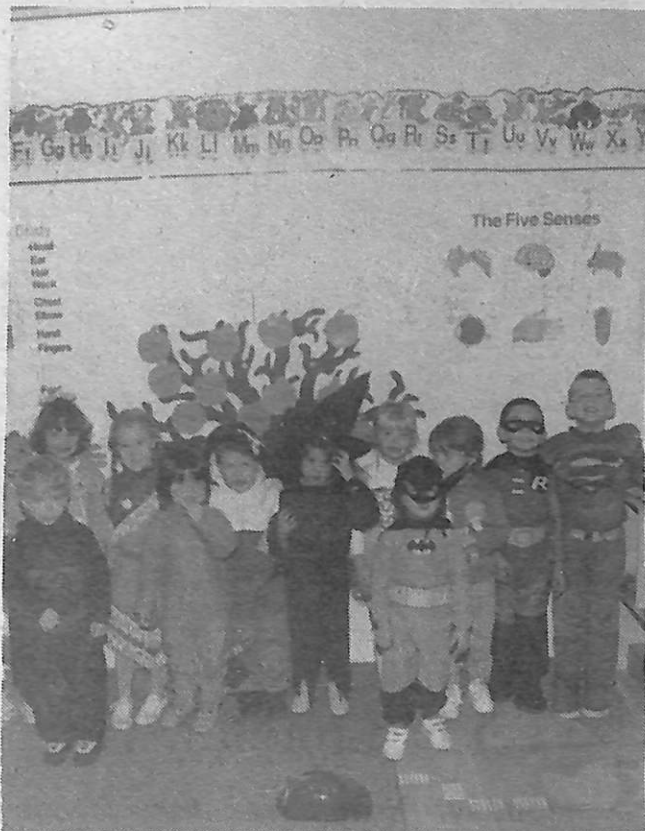
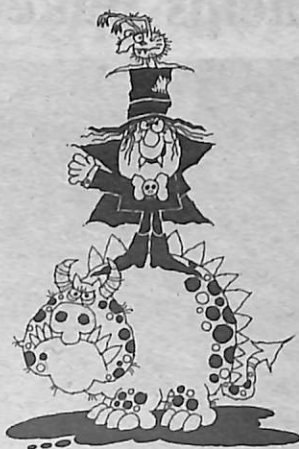
James Clark School Is Part Of "Box Tops For Education"

James Clark School is participating in the General Mills "Box Tops For Education."

We are collecting box tops from General Mills cereals until March 1997. You can donate box tops at the school or at Agawam Food Mart (which will distribute them to all participating Agawam schools).

Thank you for any donations you can make; it all adds up to money towards scholarships.

Getting Into The "Spirit"



These youngsters were proud to show off their Halloween costumes at the Early Childhood Center.



The children At Perry Lane Nursery School were definitely dressed for the occasion.



Some of the costumed attendees at the American Legion (Post 185) Halloween Party.



At the Agawam Middle School, the students' costumes displayed a variety of styles and characters.



"Smiling for the camera" at the Early Childhood Center.



Of Things On Halloween...



Over at Clark Elementary School, PTO volunteers and their helpers delivered bags of candy on Halloween.



PTO members at the Middle School proved that Halloween is not just for kids.



Kids of all ages had fun at the American Legion (Post 185) Halloween Party.



At Perry Lane Nursery School, kids were not the only ones who enjoyed themselves on Halloween; these "young-at-heart" grown-ups (above and below) made sure they were appropriately "decked out" for the holiday.



Some of the boys and "ghouls" at the Middle School on Halloween.

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Sports

Panthers Stop AHS In Div. I Soccer Final

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There was no doubt in anyone's mind who was the better soccer team in last Sunday's Western Mass Division I boys' soccer final at Chicopee's chilly Szot Park. Cathedral came in unbeaten (19-0) and left the same way by virtue of a 4-1 win over Agawam (11-4-5), playing in its first soccer final since the 1986 championship season.

It was also obvious from the get-go and throughout the entire game that the vaunted Brownie defense couldn't stand the pressure put on them by the Purple Panthers.

Witness the fact that in the first half, Cathedral had the ball in Agawam territory for 34 of the 40 minutes. In the second half, they were at or around the Agawam net for 32 of the 40. No team can stand that kind of sustained pressure.

Cathedral's first score came at the 20:53 mark of the first half. Ian McVeigh headed a ball into the Agawam net off an assist from Pat Kelly. Cathedral, more than any team in Western Mass, specializes in headers.

They also are one of the best teams in Western Mass when it comes to the corner kick. Their second goal of the first half came on a corner, at 3:32. Agawam keeper Brian O'Quinn, who had two straight playoff shutouts to his credit (2-0 over Central, 1-0 over Longmeadow) had no chance.

The teams went to halftime with Cathedral up, 2-0.

A Frustrating Halftime Talk...

It had to be a frustrating halftime talk for Brownie Coach Dwight Northrup. He and his team knew what they were up against. They'd seen the Panthers before — a 5-1 loss early in the season. Northrup had put that game behind them. "We're a better team now," he had said two days before the game as he took his team through a blackboard session.

He was completely right. They were a better team. But Cathedral had also evolved. Their evolution, was more refined. Agawam, as it always does, gave everything it had.

The second half was almost a carbon copy of the first. Once again, the Brownies were on defense. They were led by Chris Bitzas (who we'll enjoy watching during basketball season), Nick Dion, Tony Alfano, Steve Rovithis, and Rich Rodriguez. Cathedral scored again on a throw-in at the 17:50 mark.

A few minutes later, they scored again. With time running out along with their dreams of a Western Mass title, Agawam was down 4-0.

After that, it was just a matter of time for the Brownies, who'd come into the playoffs with a number-three ranking. Their goal came off the foot of Rovithis. The senior put the ball home on one of the Brownies' rare forays into Cathedral territory. It came at the 12:15 mark from Jason Jean. It was a combination revenge and frustration goal. It was also the first score the Panthers had given up in the playoffs.



AGAWAM HIGH varsity soccer coach Dwight Northrup (back row, left), members of his coaching staff, and members of the 1996 team hold the runners-up plaque for Division I after bowing to undefeated Springfield Cathedral, 4-1, at Szot Park on Sunday. IN PHOTO LEFT, the team huddles for some last minute instructions before the start of the championship game.

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After Another Near-Miss In 1996, Murray & Girls Look To Future

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High varsity girls' soccer team were watching the Western Mass. playoffs from the sidelines for the second straight year.

Their 7-8-2 overall slate, and 2-4 Kurty Division record, saw them miss the playoffs by a single point. It was the second year in a row they've missed by that margin.

Second-year Brownie Coach Mary Murray, who had many years of success (17) as the varsity girls' coach at Cathedral High in Springfield, wasn't happy about the situation. But she was realistic.

"I'm not used to losing seasons," she admitted. "But on the other hand, you have to be patient and have supportive fans who understand that building a top notch program takes time, and in some cases, three or four years. And when your time comes, it's a very sweet thing for the players, fans, and coaches alike, and well worth the wait."

The coach says she expected a better season in 1996. But in soccer, expectation is a tough word to define. "You look at your schedule and see the number of games. Then you start to figure out how you can get the required number of points, in this case, 17, which will get you into the playoffs. Wins count for two points, a tie gets you one. Many times the post season revolves around ties and the combinations of wins that you get with them. Ties, because they mean points, are very important when you're struggling like we were. I thought we would be at least a 500 team. A record like that would have gotten us in," Murray explained.

Two Defining Games

If there were games that defined the season, two popped into her mind. The day they hosted Springfield Central was one of them. "It was a miserable day. Rain was pouring down. The field was slick. Central came in as the underdogs. The elements leveled the playing field, so to speak. Plus, I think we took them lightly and ended up coming away with a 3-all tie in a game we should have won," Murray recalled.

Then there was powerful Westfield, the eventual Kurty Division champs and Division I finalists. Again, the Brownies were at home. "We had them 0-0 at the half. We were playing very good soccer. It was a toss-up most of the way. But a late second half goal gave them a win. That was where we could have used a tie and the point it would have given us. That, plus the win and two points we should have gotten against Central, would have had us in good shape going into the stretch run."

The coach says she didn't make any tactical changes to her team during the season. "It was a mental thing. We had to learn how to keep up our intensity and put two good halves together. We

also had to learn how to play well consistently against the poor teams the way we played against the better clubs." Murray noted that when they did play well, they played together. When frustration got the best of them, they suffered letdowns.

More Balance Needed

The main problem she'll have to remedy is the team's inability to finish off their plays with more than one goal scorer. "Kristen (Patterson) led us in goals this year with 11 (she also had five assists). Gina Loudfoot was next with four goals and four assists. The opposition was keying on Kristen. We needed more balance to keep the other team's defense honest," Murray said.

As in any season, some players step up and stay in the coach's memory for a long time. Even though she would have liked to single out everyone, she mentioned senior Carrie Janik. "Carrie had a tough assignment in every game. She had to mark the opposition's leading scorer. It's an exhausting job when you recall all the outstanding kids around the league who could put the ball in the net."

Senior keeper Melissa Troie couldn't be overlooked. Last year, she left the field at West Side in an ambulance after a wicked goal mouth collision with a Terrier. "She came back strong," the coach said.

Then there were Cindy Alfano and Danielle DiStefano. "Over the year, both improved their skills tremendously," Murray observed.

She describes her coaching performance this year much the way her players sometimes played. "From time to time, I let my frustrations get the better of me. There were games in which I've never coached better. There were some I'd like to have back. At times I needed to take my own advice, be patient and be supportive. In the coaching profession, you never stop learning."

With Patterson back next year as easily one of the region's premiere players once again, with Loudfoot a more experienced forward, and with a host of others returning, 1997 already looms as more than promising for the locals.

Brownies Shutout Longmeadow, 1-0 In Div. I Semis

by Dave Rollins
News Editor

The game that got the Agawam boys to the Division I soccer finals happened last Thursday. They beat Longmeadow, 1-0. Once again, it was the defense that carried the day up at Chicopee's Sot Park. And once again, it was a grim battle.

The Brownies scored at the 34:47 mark of the first half. It was the type of goal a coach draws up on the blackboard. Nick Dion had the Lancer defense split in front of him. He has great speed. Jason Jean, who had the ball, saw his forward breaking for the goal. He laid the ball right in front of Dion. It was like a written invitation.

That was all the scoring. It has to be said that AHS goalie Brian O'Quinn made some great saves. He was working behind Steve Rovithis, Chris Bitzas, Mike Forastiere, and Dave Thomas. O'Quinn is just a junior. He's on track to be a prime contender for All-Western Mass at keeper (if not this season - and it should be this season - then next season).

Longmeadow, which has a bit of an attitude problem, peppered O'Quinn. At 15:02 they sent a laser beam in on him. He stopped it. At 11:58, they drilled him on a free kick. He blocked that one as well. At the 36:40 mark of the second half, he stopped a dead-on 20-footer.

At the 27:22, 26:40, and 26:18 marks, Longmeadow had three free kicks. O'Quinn, along with his defenders, repelled every one of them.

With 27 seconds left in the game, Longmeadow had a corner throw. It was right on. O'Quinn saved it. The day was carried once again by the Brownie "D."

AHS, like it had against Central, played the type of game that drives opposing forwards crazy. And with O'Quinn as the last line of defense, Longmeadow found the Brownies a most formidable foe.

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Football Preview -
Agawam Vs. Comp...

1st Place Comp To Host AHS This Weekend

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam (3-5) will have a tough time when they travel to Chicopee this weekend to meet Chicopee Comp. The Colts are 7-1, playing for the AA Conference title, and are a lot different than the team the Brownies ran over last year.

This team has an "I" formation attack. They run, but even more importantly, they pass. They do it on the strong arm of quarterback Bill Pagel. His target is 6'1", 180-pound former defensive end Scott Vient.

Sometimes he'll go to Lou Shelton, his wideout and the team's cornerback.

They'll mix up their offense, too. They'll run out of a run and shoot, with their quarterback as the receiver.

Their offensive line is small, even for a high school team. No one is over 200 pounds. Their only loss was to city rival Chicopee. They are a tough, slashing team. We went up to watch them practice. We saw one thing. Their speed is going to give everyone trouble. They beat Holyoke last weekend, 29-28. Holyoke beat the Brownies back on October 11th, 28-23.

Comp plays everything in a basic way. They go with a 5-2 on defense. Their strength is in their linebackers, who (at this writing) are both banged up — Nick Bergeron and Kevin Welch.

The Colt "D" back are not the team's strength. But they don't have to worry all that much. The small defensive line can penetrate enough to mess up any passing game.

Agawam will send tough back Jeff Blews into the line. Linemen Ryan Wilson and Darrell Malachowski will have to dominate in this game. Agawam will have to use receivers Phil McGeoghan and Bryan Menard in the short zone. Agawam is a bigger team and has plenty of talent. They have to go into this game with absolutely no regard for Comp's record. Agawam is a much better team than the good club they started out the year with.

Comp might take the Brownies lightly. Against this team, that's a huge mistake.

Practice Begins For Members Of Men's Over-30 Basketball

Practice weeks are now underway on Sunday mornings at Agawam High School for an Over-30 Basketball League.

Any town resident wishing to play should be present this Sunday morning, November 17th. Opening week is scheduled for December 8th.

Team captains should loosen up their teams now. If you would like more information, please call Lonie at 786-8639.

Brownies Offense Crushes Panthers In Rainstorm, 29-18

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There were two things which were pretty obvious in Agawam's 29-18 football win over Cathedral High last Friday night.

First, Agawam hardly broke a sweat in getting their third win in eight games. (Cathedral, coming in at 0-6, was small, slow, and not good.)

Second, if you didn't know where you were that night, you might have thought the game was being played in Southeast Asia rather than Harmon Smith Field, because at times the rain came down and the wind blew like it was monsoon season.

As savage as the elements were, the Agawam offensive stars were like that. The first Brownie score came at the 8:52 mark of the first quarter. Quarterback Eric Melbourne, who has a velvet touch when he throws the football, hit Phil McGeoghan right on the numbers at the Panther 46-yard line. It had been first and 10 from the Brownie 44. McGeoghan took it all the way for a 56-yard score. He relied on his 4.4 speed.

But he did something else that got him to paydirt for the 12th time this season. He pulled up on his way across the field and let his blockers set up. They were led by tight end Bryan Menard. Menard destroyed the final guy in McGeoghan's path. Phil went in for his 10th pass reception TD of the season. (He has two on a punt and kickoff return.)

Cathedral came back on a three-yard run by Ben O'Brien off a brilliant, 78-yard kickoff return by senior wideout Ryan McCollum.

But the Purple Panthers would need more brilliance than any one player of theirs could muster on this wild night.

Melbourne hit McGeoghan for a three-yard TD pass at the 1:06 mark to make it 14-6, Agawam. Remember now, Coach Dean Vecchiarelli and the entire coaching staff were working on Cathedral from another level. They had the Purple Panthers walking on their heels. Jeff Blews was literally destroying them. He carried the ball 24 times. He

racked up 176 yards. He didn't score, but he opened it all up for everyone who did.

A Play That Lombardi Would Have Loved...

Agawam's third score of the first half came on a play that even Vince Lombardi would have loved. Kevin Perreault, who almost never sees the ball on offense, got a chance. The Brownies were five yards from the promised land. Ryan Wilson and Darrell Malachowski (on the left side of the Agawam offensive line) sent the two Cathedral defenders home for dinner. Brian Gallagher then preceded Perreault into the hole. He buried the Panther outside linebacker. Perreault cut back and went in. It was a nice piece of short yardage running. (Perreault would have an outstanding game. Besides his TD, he also had a fumble recovery and ran for 16 tough yards on four carries.)

Cathedral, looking tired, scored in the third quarter. Agawam came back to answer in the fourth on a 12-yard strike from Melbourne to McGeoghan. Then McGeoghan hit Ian Lane for the two-point shot on a fake extra point. It was 29-12, Agawam.

Cathedral would score against the Brownie subs at the 1:13 mark. Vec, who does not play favorites, got the substitutes into the game. (And we might add that some of these kids are future Brownie stars.)

BROWNIE STATS:

RUSHING: Blews, 24, 176 yards; McGeoghan, two, 19 yards; Gallagher, six, 14 yards; Perreault, four, 16 yards, one TD; Melbourne, four for seven yards, one sack - three yards; and Curto, three for eight yards.

PASSING: Melbourne, 10 attempts, five completions, three TD's, one interception, 108 yards; and McGeoghan, 1-1, two-point conversion.

RECEIVING: McGeoghan, five, 108 yards, three TD's; and Lane, 1-1, a two-point conversion.

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Congratulations to the Agawam Youth Senior Cheerleaders (seventh and eighth grades) as they placed first in the Emmanuel College Invitational Cheerleading Competition held at Boston College High School in South Boston, MA, on November 2nd.

Over 25 schools throughout Massachusetts and New York participated in the event, with the Warriors winning the Junior High Blue Division in the organization's first competitive cheer ever. The girls are coached by Donna Bodurtha, and she is assisted by Kristin Ferguson and Natale Piccin of the Agawam High School varsity squad.

The girls also will be performing this coming Saturday, November 16th, at Agawam High. They will host an exhibition event involving a number of youth squads from around the area. The show will begin at 11:00 a.m., and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$2 each.

The Warriors will continue to maintain their busy schedule as they will be in another competition, the Fall Invitational Cheerleading Tournament, in Oxford, MA, on December 1st.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE MEMBERS of the Agawam Youth Senior Cheerleaders (seventh and eighth grades) who recently placed first in the Emmanuel College Invitational Cheerleading Competition. This Saturday, November 16th, they will be performing at an exhibition cheerleading event at Agawam High School.

"Cheetahs" To Continue Tryouts On November 17th

The Western Massachusetts girls' AAU basketball "Cheetahs" have announced that tryouts for the 1997 tournament season at the Western New England College Athletic Facility will continue on November 17th.

Under 15, 16, 17, and 18 tryouts will take place at 12:45 p.m.; under 11, 12, 13, and 14 tryouts will be held at 2:45 p.m.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Deer Forecast Looks Bright

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The soggy forest floor and windy conditions every weekend allow the deer to move by silently, giving little advance warning of their presence.

Valley coon hunters are having some good runs with the hounds this season. Several friends with hound packs are keeping busy with their nighttime pursuits. The raccoon population is increasing after being discovered by the rabies epidemic.

Overpopulation by raccoons gave the rabies outbreak a running start, and the population was thinned substantially. This does not mean that the epidemic is over. Caution is still very much called for when handling raccoons, either dead or alive.

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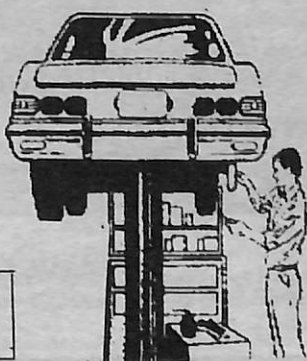
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The success of Riverside Park is evidenced by the need for two banquets. Because of the huge demand, Riverside Park Speedway honors the champions and competitors in the Late Model and Strictly Stock divisions on Friday, November 15th, and the Modifieds and Pro Stocks on Saturday, November 16th.

The top 15 owners and drivers in the final point standings will receive their point fund checks, as well as beautiful trophies and plaques commemorating their achievements in 1996. Additionally, the "Specialty Awards" will also be distributed at the banquets.

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Agawam Soccer Assoc. Holds Coaches' Clinics At Fitness First

On October 30, 1996, the Agawam Soccer Association held two clinics at Fitness First for the In-Town and Pioneer Valley coaches of the Agawam Soccer Association.

The clinics were conducted by David Stratton, M.Ed., L.A.T.C., the Agawam High School Athletic Trainer and a Physical Education Teacher at the Agawam Middle School. Mr. Stratton discussed conditioning, injury prevention, and injury evaluation.

Barb Vinciguerra was the second speaker at the clinic. Ms. Vinciguerra is the head field hockey coach at Westfield State College, Assistant Sports Psychology Consultant for the 1996 United States Olympic Field Hockey Team, and the Assistant General Manager of Fitness First. Ms. Vinciguerra's lecture focused on goal setting, visualization, developing team cohesion, dealing with parents, having fun, and reinforcement techniques.

The Agawam Soccer Association would like to express its sincere thanks to David Stratton, Barb Vinciguerra, and Fitness First for this opportunity. These clinics were organized by Scott Skolnick, the Agawam Soccer Association Vice President and Director of Education and Development. Many people attended this outstanding event.



AT THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION's coaches' clinics that were recently held at Fitness First: back row - Ed Brown, Scott Skolnick, David Stratton, Meghan Brown, Victoria Ruhl, and Joseph Ruhl; front row - Ed Nawskon, Taylor Albright, Barb Vinciguerra, and Herb Holl. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Three Teams Are Vying For First-Place Honors In Tri-Parish Bowling League

With the month of November here, members of the Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl are scrambling to push their respective team to the top of the heap. And the Monday night league has three teams tied for first place at presstime.

First, St. Michael (17 wins) is one of these three deadlocked teams. St. Mike's faced fifth place Holy Cross (14 wins) and made it a clean sweep.

St. Mike's winners were leadoff TAMMY VOGEL (274, 83.17 in Women's C), dependable JEAN BUONICONTI (291, 94.12 in Women's AA), LARRY FORTIER (274-268 over SUE GRIFFIN; Larry leads the Men's B at 103.8), and league strongman JERRY ALLEN. Jerry fired a huge 412 (119.13 in Men's Open) to defeat substitute anchorgal PAULA BURKE (319). Jerry is trying to regain his league's strongman status from new top gun BILL "Not Black & Blue" GRAY.

Also checking in with 17 wins is Fordham. They faced eighth place Boston College (12 wins) and bit off more than they could chew in this one. BC winners were leadoff DORIS FORTIER (297, 87.11 in Women's B), DAVEY-BOY ALDRICH (286, leads

Men's C at 96.8), and YVONNE CHARTIER (290, 100.19 in Women's Open). The only Fordham winner was "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (320, 108.7 in Men's Open). "Jollie" stopped the sweep by stopping a howling "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (309, 99.11 in Men's A).

St. Mary's is the final team with 17 wins. They faced last place Georgetown (10 wins) and while they started off strong, G-Town came back with a vengeance. The two winners for St. Mary's were leadoff MAUREEN LYNCOSKY (281, 92.0 in Women's A) and substitute BOB BURKE (281).

But the next two G-Town rollers really packed a punch. Famous third roller DEBBIE POIRIER fired a huge 366 (108.1, leads Women's Open) and anchorman "Wild" BILLY GRIFFIN (339, leads Men's A at 112.7). "Wild" Billy defeated St. Mary's Captain RICH SNYDER (309, 109.2 in Men's AA).

Over on Lanes 9 & 10, sixth place Notre Dame (13 wins) was up against seventh place Catholic University (12 wins). CU got the best of this one. CU winners were second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (285, 95.1 in Women's AA), FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (287, 100.14 in Men's B), and Captain BILL "Not

Black & Blue" GRAY (351, 120.3, leads entire league). "Not Black & Blue" Gray's average of 120.3 is one of the best the league has seen for a regular in many moons. He defeated FLO ROCHFORD (300, 99.6 in Women's Open).

The only winner for ND was leadoff roller RITA SCOTT, who is a soccer coach for the Agawam Soccer Association. Rita hit a 259 and averages 84.16 in Women's B.

In the final match of the night, fourth place St. Anselm (16 wins) faced ninth place St. Louis (12 wins) on Lanes 7 & 8. St. Lou had three winners in this one: they were leadoff roller AUDREY PHILLIPS (236, 78.13 in Women's B), "Terrible" TERRY CERPOVICZ (303, 98.11 in Women's AA), and Captain GLENN "Not Sam" ADAMS (381, 114.7 in Men's AA). "Not Sam" defeated the challenge of the famous "Luscious" LOU MULDER (322, 104.17 in Men's AA).

The lone winner for St. A's was third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (320, 107.5 in Men's A). "Don't Sit On" is really coming on this year. What has this guy been eating to show such improvement?

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'Harlem Rockets' Coming To AHS

The Agawam High School P.T.S.O. will be hosting the "Harlem Rockets" on Wednesday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym. The comedian basketball team will challenge the "Agawam All-Stars" for the third time.

This year, the All-Stars will be representatives from each school, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Ameruso, School Committee members, P.T.S.O. members, a D.A.R.E. officer, and also town residents.

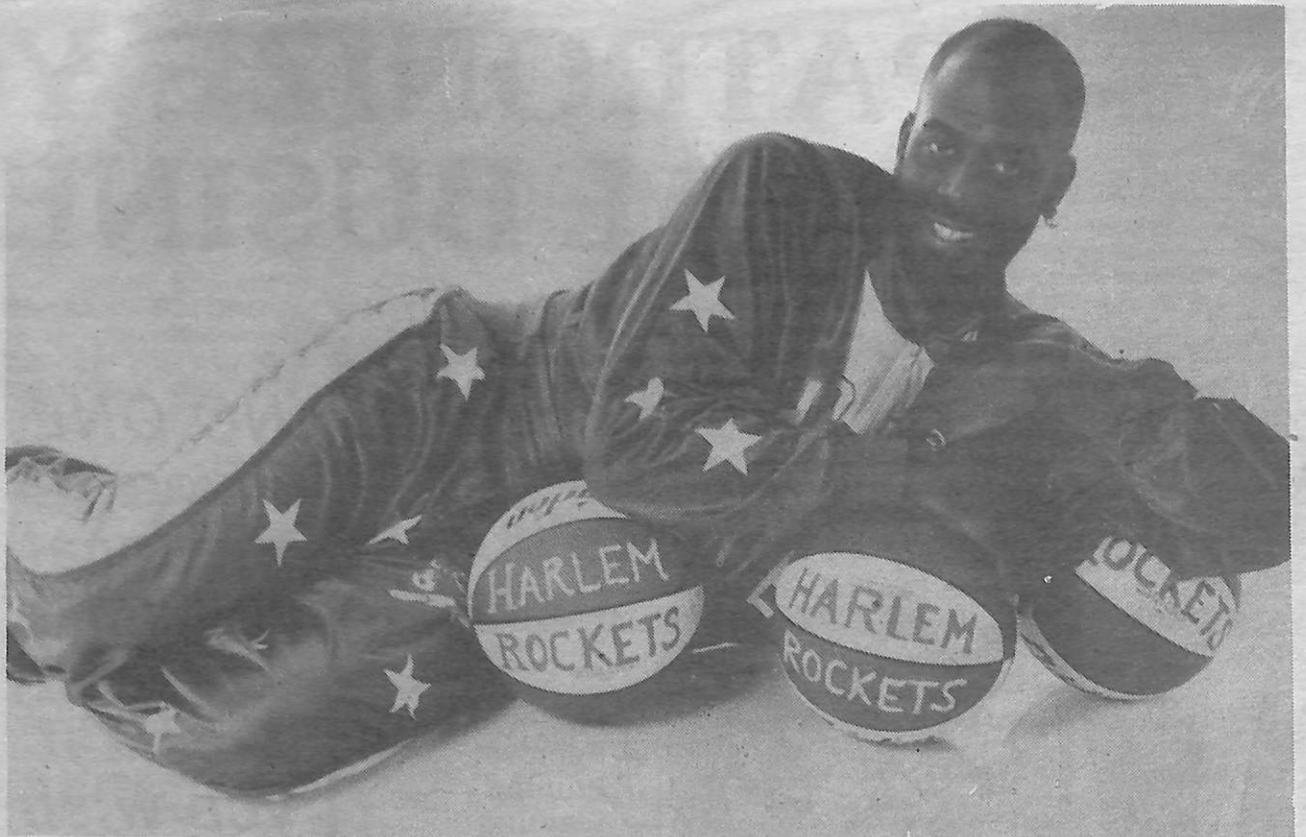
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The High School P.T.S.O. has had a comedian basketball team here for three years in a row and plans on continuing this annually. The proceeds are returned by various ways to the students and the community.

The first year was a sell-out, but the second year's turnout was down due to snow. However, this year is expected to be a sell-out!

You may purchase your tickets at Town Hall (Mayor's Office), the High School Guidance Office (Mr. Cohan), or by calling 786-1982.

Advance tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$6 for adults; at the door, all tickets are \$7. So, save yourself money by buying your ticket(s) early!



SAYEED "RAINBOW" MUNTAQIM (above) and his teammates, the "Harlem Rockets," will be at the Agawam High School gym on Wednesday, November 20th, to take on the "Agawam All-Stars."

Baywest Hockey Association Holds Third Annual Golf Outing At Oak Ridge Golf Club

On a beautiful fall day (Sunday, October 6th), the Baywest Hockey Association hosted its Third Annual Golf Outing at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. The weather was terrific, the golf play "exceptional," and the full-course prime rib dinner was delicious.

The outing's goals were two-fold: (1) to raise funds for the players to participate in competitive tournaments in order to broaden their on-ice talents and off-ice social development, and (2) for the adults to enjoy a few laughs and relax away from the cold rinks. Both of these goals were achieved.

There was a record turnout of over 90 players for this third outing. Also, 30 additional people joined in the festivities by attending the dinner portion of the day's activities.

On behalf of the players, coaches, and parents of Baywest Hockey, the Golf Committee would like to recognize, thank, and applaud the players whose "expertise" was clearly evident, the dinner guests, the many local merchants and individuals who served as Hole Sponsors or donated raffle prizes, and lastly, the Golf Day Volunteers who enabled the rest of us to thoroughly enjoy the day.

We sincerely appreciate the increased interest, participation, and noble support of so many generous people for the benefit of our young hockey players. We hope everyone is able to join us again next year and, even more, will take part in a great time.

Golf Day Volunteers: Brenda Harlow, Sylvia Ciborowski, Dave Dougherty, Doreen Gallagher, Christie DeMaio, Mary Pat Flaherty, Sue Dougherty, Kathy Curley, Faith Footitt, Robin Bishop, and Shirley Meagher.

First-Place Winners: Jack Karpas, Paul Murray, John Griffin, and John Rabbett.

Second-Place Winners: Jeff Navin, John Ciborowski, Bob Cheney, and Marco Amato.

Straightest Drive Winner: Bob Meagher.

Closest to the Pin (No. 13): John Rabbett.

Closest to the Pin (No. 8): Dick Allen.

Sportsman (last place) Award: Joe Rogalski, Jennifer Rogalski, Jill Rogalski, and Jeff Rogalski.

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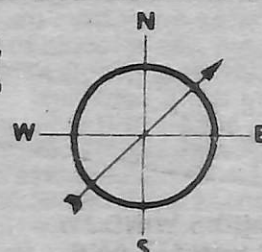


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